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Abstract

A numerical investigation of wedge indentation, with a nearly flat indenter, into a monazite (LaPO_4) single crystal is carried out to obtain the asymptotic field solution associated with the moving contact point singularities. The crystal orientation is such that plane strain conditions prevail, under the assumption of small scale yielding, as out-of-plane deformations are eliminated due to out-of-plane mirror symmetry of the crystal, specimen and loading state. The plastic deformation in such a 2D study can be described in terms of effective in-plane slip systems comprised of crystallographic slip systems with equal and opposite out-of-plane deformation and rotation. The numerical simulations are conducted within a framework specialized for self-similar problems and adopts a visco-plastic single crystal material model. The detailed numerical investigation of the monazite single crystal reveals that the effective slip systems lead to a non-symmetric in-plane deformation

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field, which is consistent with the absence of in-plane mirror symmetries of the crystal. Interestingly, the non-symmetric deformation field results in one contact point singularity travelling at a greater speed than the other. The deformation near the moving contact point singularities are found to be divided into two angular sectors separated by a boundary of glide shear type. The slip rates on the individual systems reveal that one slip system dominates at both contact points, whereas the other slip system shows negligible activity. Thus, only one slip system gives rise to a discontinuity in the slip rate field.

Keywords: Self-similarity, Crystal plasticity, Monoclinic structure, Asymptotic fields

1. Introduction

Naturally occurring monazite may be recognized as a reddish-brown phosphate mineral. Monazite is usually found in small isolated crystals and contains rare earth metals such as cerium, lanthanum, and neodymium. A particular interest in the lanthanum phosphate (LaPO_4) monazite material exists due to its relatively low hardness, high-temperature stability, and compatibility with common structural oxide ceramics, while exhibiting weak bonding to other oxide elements. These special mechanical properties make monazite an ideal material for fiber reinforced ceramic matrix composites. For example, monazite coated fibers have proven to hinder destructive damage mechanisms by enabling crack deflection. Furthermore, the high-temperature sta-

bility eliminates the problem of oxidation which is commonly observed during fiber pullout for interface materials used in ceramic matrix composites (Davis et al., 2003; Ruggles-Wrenn et al., 2009).

Investigation of the asymptotic slip solution field near moving singular points (such as growing cracks and wedge indentation), based on slip-line theory that assumes linear elastic, perfectly plastic material behaviour, dates back to the 1980s (Drugan et al., 1982; Drugan and Rice, 1984; Drugan, 1986; Rice, 1987; Mesarovic and Kysar, 1996; Drugan, 2001; Kysar, 2001a,b; Saito and Kysar, 2011). The early studies predict that the deforming domain near a moving contact point singularity can be divided into sectors separated by glide or kink shear discontinuities. The deformation, within each sector, will be governed by either purely elastic or active plastic deformation on a number of slip systems. The fundamental properties of asymptotic fields, in relation to both fracture and wedge indentation in single crystals, have been investigated experimentally by a number of authors (Bastawros and Kim, 1998; Kysar, 2000; Crone and Shield, 2001; Kysar and Briant, 2002; Kysar et al., 2010; Saito and Kysar, 2011; Saito et al., 2012; Dahlberg et al., 2014; Sarac et al., 2016; Dahlberg et al., 2017; Juul et al., 2018; Sarac and Kysar, 2018). However, existing studies are limited to the three most common crystal structures being FCC, BCC, and HCP. In fact, only few studies investigate the details of the deformation in more special crystal configurations such as the monazite crystal (monoclinic structure). The existing numerical investigations of monazite have focused mainly on determining anisotropic

elastic parameters, thermal conductivity (Feng et al., 2013), and radiation resistance (Grechanovsky et al., 2013). Furthermore, the deformation mechanisms (experimentally observed active slip systems and twinning) of polycrystalline monazite have been investigated by Hay and Marshall (2003) and Hay (2005, 2008).

The aim of the present study is to investigate the deformation field, and the associated asymptotic fields in the vicinity of moving contact singularities for wedge indentation (i.e. the point where the indenter continuously comes into contact with new surface material), with a nearly flat indenter, into an elastic, perfectly plastic monazite single crystal. The results will serve as foundation for understanding the properties of monazite measured in indentation as the asymptotic solution reveals how dislocation activity can be linked to the formation of kink shear sector boundaries.

The paper is divided into the following sections: The wedge indentation problem is outlined in Section 2. The material model, derivation of the in-plane effective slip systems and the yield surface of monazite are presented in Section 3. The numerical framework is presented in Section 4, and results are presented in Section 5. Concluding remarks are given in Section 6. Throughout, index notation, including Einstein's summation convention, is used and a superimposed dot, $(\dot{})$, signifies the time derivative.

2. Wedge indentation with a nearly flat indenter

Wedge indentation into a monazite single crystal is simulated along the lines of Saito et al. (2012) and Juul et al. (2018) with a nearly flat indenter such that the indenter angle, ϕ , is close to zero degrees (see Fig. 1). Thus, a small strain assumption is valid. Furthermore, the indentation is performed under the assumption of negligible friction between the rigid indenter and an elastic, perfectly plastic material with a very low yield resistance (model parameters are listed in Table 1). The study is performed under such conditions to investigate the asymptotic field in the vicinity of the moving contact points as well as to ensure a direct comparison to work existing on more common crystal structures (Saito and Kysar, 2011; Saito et al., 2012; Juul et al., 2018).

In a corresponding numerical study, Juul et al. (2018) compared results for the FCC and BCC crystal structures to the analytical predictions of Saito and Kysar (2011), which are based on an extension of slip line theory that assumes a linear elastic, perfectly plastic material behavior. Good agreement was found for this comparison. Following Rice (1987), the analytical investigation by Saito and Kysar (2011) showed that the asymptotic deformation fields consist of angular sectors centered at the moving contact point singularity, with the sectors deforming either elastically or plastically. The angular sectors are separated by radial rays, emanating from the moving contact point, that coincide either with the slip direction or the slip plane normal of the slip systems. As described by Rice (1987), if the radial ray coincides with

78 a slip direction, dislocations operate in glide shear along the ray, and if the
 79 radial ray coincides with the slip plane normal, dislocations operate in kink-
 80 shear mode. As the contact point singularity moves quasistatically relative to
 81 the crystal, the angular sectors and sector boundaries move correspondingly
 82 through the crystal, hence, velocity discontinuities across the radial sector
 83 boundaries exist under these conditions (Drugan and Rice, 1984). Both glide
 84 shear and kink shear sector boundaries have been identified experimentally
 85 (Bastawros and Kim, 1998; Crone and Shield, 2001; Kysar and Briant, 2002;
 86 Kysar et al., 2010).

87 The driving force behind the present study is that such analytical solu-
 88 tions do not currently exist for the monoclinic crystal structure of monazite,
 89 but it is expected that the asymptotic solution near the moving points is
 90 governed by the same characteristics as the analytical solutions for FCC
 91 and BCC crystals. To bring out the angular sectors and sector boundaries
 92 for monazite crystals, the stress and slip rate distributions near the moving
 93 contact point singularity are analyzed in detail (see Section 5). Due to the ve-
 94 locity discontinuities, that are expected in the present study, spikes of highly
 95 localized slip rate emanating from the contact points are also investigated.

96 **3. Monazite single crystals**

97 *3.1. Material model*

98 The wedge indentation study is conducted in a plane strain setting with
 99 a small strain formulation, where the displacement field, u_i , provides the

total strain, ε_{ij} , through the relation; $\varepsilon_{ij} = (u_{i,j} + u_{j,i})/2$. The total strain
 is decomposed into an elastic part, ε_{ij}^e , and a plastic part, ε_{ij}^p , such that
 $\varepsilon_{ij} = \varepsilon_{ij}^e + \varepsilon_{ij}^p$. When the elastic strain field is known, the stress field can be
 determined by; $\sigma_{ij} = \mathcal{L}_{ijkl}\varepsilon_{kl}^e$, where $\mathcal{L}_{ijkl}$ is the elastic stiffness tensor.

The elastic strains, required for the calculation of stresses, are determined
 by obtaining the plastic strains through summation over all slip systems, α :

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^p = \sum_{\alpha} \dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)} P_{ij}^{(\alpha)}, \quad P_{ij}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(s_i^{(\alpha)} m_j^{(\alpha)} + m_i^{(\alpha)} s_j^{(\alpha)} \right). \quad (1)$$

Here, $P_{ij}^{(\alpha)}$ is the Schmid tensor, $\dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)}$ is the slip rate, and $s_i^{(\alpha)}$ and $m_i^{(\alpha)}$ are the
 unit vectors defining the slip direction and the slip plane normal, respectively
 (slip direction and normal are illustrated in Fig. 2b). The slip rate on the in-
 dividual slip systems, denoted by superscript, α , is determined by employing
 the visco-plastic power law slip rate relation proposed by Hutchinson (1976)

$$\dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)} = \dot{\gamma}_0 \operatorname{sgn} \left(\tau^{(\alpha)} \right) \left(\frac{|\tau^{(\alpha)}|}{\tau_0^{(\alpha)}} \right)^{1/m} \quad (2)$$

where $\tau^{(\alpha)} = \sigma_{ij} m_i^{(\alpha)} s_j^{(\alpha)}$ is the resolved shear stress, $\tau_0^{(\alpha)}$ is the critically re-
 solved shear stress, and m is the rate sensitivity exponent (not to be confused
 with the slip normal $m_i^{(\alpha)}$). The present study concerns the rate indepen-
 dent limit and thus the rate sensitivity exponent is pushed towards this limit
 ($m \rightarrow 0$).

109 3.2. In-plane slip systems for the 2D study

110 The monazite material is monoclinic in crystal structure and belongs to
 111 the $P2_1/n$ space group. The primitive monoclinic lattice structure is charac-
 112 terized accordingly in the so-called second setting (Donnay, 1943; Matthies
 113 and Wenk, 2009), with lattice parameters; $a = 0.6825\text{nm}$, $b = 0.7057\text{nm}$,
 114 $c = 0.6482\text{nm}$, and $\beta = 103.21^\circ$ ($\angle bc = \angle ab = 90^\circ$) as sketched in Fig. 2a
 115 (Hirth and Lothe, 1968; Hay, 2008). The low symmetry and large lattice
 116 parameters, compared to common metals with FCC and BCC structures,
 117 make the characterization of the material deformation somewhat more com-
 118 plex. For the monoclinic crystal structure the slip plane normal, given by
 119 the Miller-index representation (hkl) , is associated with the non-orthogonal
 120 basis of the reciprocal lattice vectors and the slip direction is given by the
 121 Miller-index representation $[hkl]$ associated with the non-orthogonal basis of
 122 the lattice vectors.

123 Plane strain conditions in a single crystal can be achieved by choosing
 124 the plane of deformation such that it coincides with a mirror symmetry plane
 125 in the crystal (see e.g. Rice, 1987; Crone et al., 2004; Kysar et al., 2005;
 126 Niordson and Kysar, 2014). Moreover, it is a requirement that the specimen
 127 geometry and the external loading also possess mirror symmetry with respect
 128 to the crystal mirror symmetry plane. Complying with these conditions,
 129 the slip systems can be arranged into *mirrored pairs*, such that each slip
 130 system of the pair has an identical resolved shear stress. The mirrored pair
 131 of slip systems are then assumed to active in equal amounts when at the

critical resolved shear stress. Any out-of-plane plastic deformation of one slip system is counteracted by the other slip system of the pair. Hence, the net deformation state of the mirrored pair can be described by a single effective in-plane slip system.

Hay (2008) presents findings of active slip systems in monazite and 12 slip systems of interest are identified as possible candidates to form mirrored pairs of slip systems. These slip systems are summarized in Table 2. The identified slip systems, however, do not reflect the possible difference in slip resistance along opposite directions of slip. However, based on the discussion of this issue by Hay (2008), the difference is assumed negligible in the present work.

Figure 2a presents the definition of the crystallographic orientation in three dimensional space (a Cartesian orthonormal basis). Here, the crystallographic orientation of the monazite is chosen such that the (010) plane is the mirror symmetry plane for the plane strain deformation (see Fig. 2c). When interpreting Figure 2, one should be aware of the following:

1. The lattice vector b is parallel to the $[010]$ direction, the x_2 -axis and the (010) plane normal.
2. The lattice vector c is parallel to the $[001]$ direction and the x_3 -axis.
3. The lattice vector a is parallel to the $[100]$ direction and the $(010) \times (001)$ direction, thus, the lattice vector is oriented in the x_1x_3 -plane (mirror plane) at the angle β with respect to the x_3 -axis (clockwise rotation).

- 155 4. The reciprocal lattice vector represented by the (100) plane normal is
156 parallel to the x_1 -axis.
- 157 5. The reciprocal lattice vector represented by the (001) plane normal is
158 parallel to the direction $[100] \times [010]$.

159 For monazite single crystals, in the chosen configuration, three in-plane
160 slip systems can be identified. Two being effective slip systems (mirrored
161 pairs of crystallographic slip systems), and one being a crystallographic slip
162 system in itself. The first in-plane slip system (Fig. 2d) is comprised of the
163 two crystallographic slip systems $(011)[100]$ and $(0\bar{1}1)[100]$ that are equiv-
164 alent to the effective slip system $(001)[100]$. The second in-plane system
165 (Fig. 2e) is the crystallographic slip system $(\bar{1}00)[001]$ which coincides with
166 the third in-plane slip system (Fig. 2f), constructed from the crystallographic
167 slip systems $(\bar{1}\bar{1}0)[001]$ and $(\bar{1}10)[001]$ which gives the effective slip system
168 $(\bar{1}00)[001]$. It is seen that the first in-plane slip direction is at an angle of
169 -103.21° with respect to the x_3 -axis, while the second and the third in-
170 plane slip directions (one crystallographic and one effective) are parallel to
171 the x_3 -axis. The three in-plane slip systems are summarized in Table 3 by
172 in-plane unit vectors $S_I^{(A)}$ and $M_I^{(A)}$, which are the rescaled projections of
173 $s_i^{(\alpha)}$ and $m_i^{(\alpha)}$ onto the x_1x_3 mirror symmetry plane, respectively. Here, the
174 superscript represents the in-plane slip systems and the subscript represents
175 in-plane index notation. Lower case letters represent the actual slip sys-
176 tems and upper case letters represent the in-plane systems. Furthermore,
177 the in-plane unit vectors $s_i^{(\alpha)}$ and $m_i^{(\alpha)}$ will be substituted for $S_I^{(A)}$ and $M_I^{(A)}$,

178 respectively, in the numerical analysis (Section 5).

179 3.3. Yield surface

Yielding is assumed to be governed by the Schmid law through the resolved shear stress

$$\sigma_{ij} m_i^{(\alpha)} s_j^{(\alpha)} = \pm \tau_0 \quad \text{for } i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\} \quad (3)$$

with the superscript (α) omitted on the critically resolved shear stress since this value is assumed equal for all crystallographic slip systems.

Considering plane strain loading in the mirror symmetry plane of the monazite crystal as (010), the stress tensor has no out-of-plane shear ($\sigma_{12} = \sigma_{32} = 0$) and Eq. (3) reduces to

$$\left(s_1^{(\alpha)} m_3^{(\alpha)} + s_3^{(\alpha)} m_1^{(\alpha)} \right) \sigma_{13} + 2 s_1^{(\alpha)} m_1^{(\alpha)} \left(\frac{\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{33}}{2} \right) = \pm \tau_0. \quad (4)$$

180 showing that there is no dependence on the out-of-plane normal stress σ_{22} .

Based on the geometric constraints governing the in-plane slip direction vector, slip plane normal vector, and the definition of the in-plane angle $\theta^{(A)}$ (with a positive rotation defined counter clockwise, see Fig. 2b), the relations $S_1^{(A)} = \cos(\theta^{(A)}) = M_3^{(A)}$ and $S_3^{(A)} = \sin(\theta^{(A)}) = -M_1^{(A)}$ permit Eq. (4) to be expressed as

$$\sigma_{13} = \tan(2\theta^{(A)}) \left(\frac{\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{33}}{2} \right) \pm \frac{\lambda^{(A)} \tau_0}{\cos(2\theta^{(A)})}. \quad (5)$$

Here, $\lambda^{(A)} = \frac{\tau_0^{(A)}}{\tau_0}$ is the ratio of slip resistance on the effective slip system (A) and the crystallographic slip system. For the FCC and the BCC crystal structures, Rice (1987); Niordson and Kysar (2014); Juul et al. (2017, 2018) have discussed the scaling ratios associated with slip system properties that are needed for the response of the effective slip systems and the crystallographic slip systems to coincide under plane strain conditions. In the present study, scaling of the critically resolved shear stress and scaling of the reference strain rate will be sufficient and result in the following relations

$$\tau_0^{(A)} = \lambda^{(A)} \tau_0, \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\gamma}_0^{(A)} = \beta^{(A)} \dot{\gamma}_0. \quad (6)$$

181 The scaling ratios for each of the effective slip systems are listed in Table 3,
 182 which also include expressions for the two quantities based on slip system
 183 unit vectors (both effective and crystallographic unit vectors). As seen from
 184 Table 3, the scaling ratios of the two effective in-plane slip systems (1) and
 185 (3) are larger than unity (being the scaling factor for effective slip system
 186 (2)). The expression for the yield surface in Eq. (5), normalized with the
 187 critically resolved shear stress, allows for a convenient representation of the
 188 yield criterion in a two dimensional stress space with abscissa $(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{33})/(2\tau_0)$
 189 and ordinate σ_{13}/τ_0 (also discussed by Kysar et al., 2005). The yield surface
 190 thereby reveals itself as three sets of parallel lines, oriented at the angle $2\theta^{(A)}$
 191 with respect to the $(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{33})/(2\tau_0)$ -axis, the distance $\lambda^{(A)}$ (perpendicular
 192 to the parallel lines) from the origin in normalized stress space. The inner

envelope described by the parallel lines of the slip systems (1) and (2), and the outer envelope described by parallel lines of slip systems (1) and (3) form yield surfaces with the vertices listed in Table 4. An illustration of the yield surface is shown in Fig. 3 where it forms a parallelogram with the vertices A, B, C and D in normalized stress space. In case of the two sets of parallel slip systems (one effective and one crystallographic), the scaling factor $\lambda^{(2)}$ results in the lowest critically resolved shear stress, such that plastic deformation will take place on in-plane slip system (2) for the elastic, perfectly plastic material considered. Thus, the effective in-plane slip system (3) (having the highest slip resistance) is assumed inactive in the present study and only slip system (1) and (2) are included in the numerical analysis (obviously this argument would not suffice in the case of a hardening solid).

4. Numerical framework

4.1. Self-similarity

The present work employs a numerical framework developed for self-similar problems, where the features of the field quantities remain unchanged, while the fields change in size over time. This framework was first presented in Juul et al. (2018) and employed to wedge indentation in FCC, BCC, and HCP single crystals with excellent results. It has the great advantages over conventional temporal finite element approaches in that: 1) the contact point remains stationary relative to the finite element mesh (avoiding discrete nodal contact events) and thus inherently captures the continuously increasing con-

215 tact area; and 2) a highly refined mesh can easily be focused at the contact
216 points as they do not move in this computational framework.

217 For wedge indentation, the self-similar condition is achieved when the
218 indentation rate, $\dot{a}/a = \dot{c}$ (with a being the half contact length and $\dot{a}$ be-
219 ing the contact velocity), is constant. However, compared to the study of
220 Juul et al. (2018), indentation in a monazite crystal is slightly different due
221 to the non-symmetric nature of the monoclinic structure. The FCC, BCC,
222 and HCP crystals, all studied in Juul et al. (2018), gave rise to a symmet-
223 ric displacement field, such that the distance from the indenter tip to the
224 moving contact point singularity on both sides of the indenter tip are equal.
225 However, this is not the case for monazite. Due to the monoclinic crystal
226 structure, the displacement field will not remain symmetric and, thus, the
227 velocity of the contact points to the left and right of the indenter tip will be
228 different. Therefore, it is necessary to introduce individual contact lengths
229 (and velocities) for the left and right contact points, respectively. These will
230 be denoted a_r and a_l as illustrated in Fig. 1. To satisfy the condition $\dot{a}/a = \dot{c}$,
231 that ensures a self-similar solution, the quantities a and $\dot{a}$ will then have to be
232 treated as the average values such that; $a = (a_r + a_l)/2$ and $\dot{a} = (\dot{a}_r + \dot{a}_l)/2$.

The self-similar development of the solution in indentation can be recog-
nized by an observer changing the magnification of the view at a rate related
to the indentation process, such that the field quantities appear constant in
both shape and size. This noteworthy characteristic of self-similar problems
ties to the fact that only one independent characteristic length exists. Thus,

the only time dependence in the problem enters through the evolution of this characteristic length, a (see discussion in Juul et al., 2018). The time rate of change of any field quantity can thereby be related to a corresponding spatial derivative in the self-similar coordinate system through the relation

$$\dot{f} = -\dot{c}\xi_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_i} \quad (7)$$

where $\dot{c}$ is the indentation rate and ξ_i is a self-similar coordinate system, where the coordinates of the material points change with time. Based on this key relation between time and spatial derivatives, it is possible to obtain the history dependence through spatial integration when solving the problem. The numerical scheme for the spatial integration is adopted from Juul et al. (2018). Here, the integration lines are also located radially around the indenter tip (see Fig. 1), making it convenient to express the self-similar relation (Eq. (7)) in a self-similar polar coordinate system with the origin located at the tip of the indenter. The self-similar relation thereby transforms into

$$\dot{f} = -\dot{c}\rho \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} \quad (8)$$

233 where ρ is the radial distance to a point on the integration line.

234 4.2. Numerical implementation

235 The self-similar relation in Eq. (8) is applied to the material model out-
236 lined in Section 3.1. Thus, all time derivatives are transformed into corre-

sponding spatial derivatives through the indentation rate, $\dot{c}$, and the distance to the indenter tip, ρ . A quantity of interest at the material point, ρ^* , can be envisioned to lie on a line that ends on the indenter tip and its deformation history is accounted for by spatial integration along that line toward the tip. Essentially, the integration starts in the elastic region (say point ρ^0) far from the indenter tip, and ends at the point of interest, ρ^* (see Fig. 1). Thus, the point of interest, ρ^* , obtains the history through information stored in points further away from the indenter tip. This integration method ensures that the elastic-plastic material response of the material is captured and also allows for potential elastic unloading.

Other than this tailored history integration, the framework adopted from Juul et al. (2018), relies on the conventional principle of virtual work (PVW) for a quasi-static problem to determine the displacement field, u_i ;

$$\int_V \mathcal{L}_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{kl} \delta \varepsilon_{ij} dV = \int_S T_i \delta u_i dS + \int_V \mathcal{L}_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{kl}^p \delta \varepsilon_{ij} dV. \quad (9)$$

Here, $T_i = \sigma_{ij} n_j$ is the surface traction (n_j denotes the unit outward normal vector), V is the volume of the domain, and S is the boundary of the domain. The PVW is solved by employing the finite element method with 2D 8-node isoparametric elements using reduced Gauss integration (2×2 Gauss points).

The implementation of the self-similar framework follows Juul et al. (2018), and the pseudo-algorithm is as follows:

1. Determine the displacement field, $u_i^{(n)}$, by use of the plastic strains

- 257 from the previous iteration, $\varepsilon_{ij}^{p(n-1)}$ (n is the iterative step).
- 258 2. Determine the total strains, $\varepsilon_{ij}^{(n)}$ from the current displacement field,
- 259 $u_i^{(n)}$.
- 260 3. Initiate spatial integration scheme to determine the slip and plastic
- 261 strains.
- (a) The spatial derivatives are determined by applying the self-similar relation in Eq. (8) to the rate equations in the constitutive law.

$$\frac{\partial \gamma^{(\alpha)}}{\partial \rho} = -\frac{\dot{\gamma}_0^{(\alpha)}}{\rho \dot{c}} \operatorname{sgn}(\tau^{(\alpha)}) \left(\frac{|\tau^{(\alpha)}|}{g^{(\alpha)}} \right)^{1/m} \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon_{ij}^p}{\partial \rho} = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\partial \gamma^{(\alpha)}}{\partial \rho} P_{ij}^{(\alpha)} \quad (11)$$

- 262 (b) The current slip, $\gamma^{(\alpha)(n)}$, and plastic strains, $\varepsilon_{ij}^{p(n)}$, are determined
- 263 through spatial integration

$$\gamma^{(\alpha)(n)} = \int_{\rho^0}^{\rho^*} \frac{\partial \gamma^{(\alpha)}}{\partial \rho} d\rho, \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_{ij}^{p(n)} = \int_{\rho^0}^{\rho^*} \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{ij}^p}{\partial \rho} d\rho. \quad (12)$$

- 264 4. The stresses $\sigma_{ij}^{(n)}$ are updated through the relation; $\sigma_{ij} = \mathcal{L}_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{kl}^e$.
- 265 5. Repeat step 1 through 4, until convergence is obtained. Here, conver-
- 266 gence is determined based on the displacement and stress fields.

267 The iterative framework is initiated by using the elastic solution ($\gamma^{(\alpha)} =$

268 0) in the first iteration. Moreover, the implementation of the framework

269 relies on the modifications to the spatial integration suggested by Niordson
 270 (2001) and Nielsen and Niordson (2012a). To stabilize the evolution of related
 271 field quantities, substeps are introduced as additional points of evaluation in
 272 regions with steep gradients between the Gauss points. As the total strain
 273 components, ε_{ij} , are unknown between the Gauss points it is necessary to
 274 interpolate the strains. In the present paper, it was chosen to interpolate the
 275 strain components by assuming a linear variation between the Gauss points.
 276 This modification has proven to be particularly important when approaching
 277 the rate independent limit ($m \rightarrow 0$).

278 5. Results

279 The effective in-plane slip systems of the monazite crystal, derived in Sec-
 280 tion 3.2, are oriented non-symmetrically with respect to the external loading
 281 causing a non-symmetric in-plane deformation field and thus the entire do-
 282 main needs to be modelled. The mesh is constructed such that the contact
 283 points are located in a finely meshed region, in order to achieve sufficient
 284 resolution of the results, while the mesh gradually becomes coarser when
 285 moving away from the contact point singularities (see domain in Fig. 4). For
 286 the results presented in this study there is a total of 87,120 elements in the
 287 entire domain, where approximately 60,000 of the elements are located in
 288 the “Fine mesh” region (see Fig. 4). Furthermore, it should be noticed that
 289 the rate-dependent model, employed in the current study, cannot predict
 290 actual discontinuities but rather rays with a very narrow, but finite, width.

291 However, the rays will be denoted as discontinuities in the following.

292 5.1. Stress fields

293 The stress distribution for the wedge indented monazite crystal is first
 294 presented as contour plots in Fig. 5. Details on the stress quantities in the
 295 vicinity of the moving contact point singularities are then extracted along
 296 different angular paths (see Figs. 7 and 8), and lastly the stresses very near
 297 the contact points are presented as stress trajectories (see Figs. 9 and 10).
 298 The contour plots are presented in a self-similar coordinate system, ξ_i , such
 299 that the right contact point singularity is always located at the coordinate
 300 $\xi_i = (1, 0)$. For the parameters chosen in this study, the monazite material
 301 has been found to have a hardness of $H \approx 5.2\tau_0$, by dividing the sum of
 302 vertical reaction forces acting on the indenter by the projected contact area.

303 In contrast to the effective slip systems investigated by Saito et al. (2012)
 304 and Juul et al. (2018) (for FCC, BCC, and HCP crystals), the stress distribu-
 305 tion for monazite shows no symmetry with respect to the vertical indentation
 306 axis (see Fig. 5). This observation is directly linked to the non-symmetric
 307 orientation of the slip systems, with respect to the indenter, and this drives
 308 the two contact points to different locations relative to the center axis, ξ_3 .
 309 In fact, the ratio of the distance to the two contact points is found to be
 310 $a_r/a_l \approx 1.04$. Thus, the left contact point is located the closest to the ξ_3 -axis
 311 which implies that it travels at a lower velocity compared to the right contact
 312 point. Upon inspection of the stress contours, in the immediate vicinity of

the contact points, it is seen that stress rays emanate from these characteristic points similarly to the FCC, BCC and HCP cases. This suggests that an asymptotic solution should exist close to the contact points in line with the predictions of Saito and Kysar (2011) for FCC and BCC crystals. In analogy, the asymptotic solution of the tangential stress distribution is expected to be independent of the distance in the immediate vicinity of the contact point while it is expected to break down further away.

To establish the asymptotic solution numerically, the angular variation of the stresses near the contact points are extracted by employing inverse isoparametric mapping (Murti et al., 1988; Lim et al., 1992) within the finite element mesh (the angular paths are illustrated in Fig. 6). The stress quantities are extracted at four different radii to confirm that the paths are within a region with small radial variations (similar to the observations for FCC and BCC crystals). The stress quantities are presented in Figs. 7 and 8 for the left and right contact point, respectively. Upon inspection of the angular stress variation, at the four different radii, it is seen that the results gradually changes when increasing the radius. However, the region $r < 0.25a$ is considered to be governed by the asymptotic solution due to the relatively small variation. From Figs. 7 and 8 it is also worth to notice that the stress components satisfy the boundary conditions as $\sigma_{13} = \sigma_{33} = 0$ at $\psi = 0$ (at the free surface) and $\sigma_{13} = 0$ at $\psi = -180^\circ$ (at the frictionless indenter surface). Comparing the stresses of the left (Fig. 7) and the right (Fig. 8) contact points, it is found that the σ_{13} components reaches approximately

the same maximum magnitude. However, the right contact point reaches a higher level of σ_{11} , whereas the σ_{33} component is similar to the left contact point.

The stress trajectories for different radii are plotted in Figs. 9 and 10 for the left and right contact point, respectively, starting at the star marker which is at the free surface ($\psi = 0$), and moving to the indenter surface ($\psi = -180^\circ$). Comparing the stress trajectory at the four different radii, it is seen that the characteristics of the trajectories gradually change, and again the two radii closest to the contact point are reasonably similar (inside the region $r < 0.25a$ where the asymptotic solution is assumed valid). For the left contact point (Fig. 9), it is observed that the stress trajectory moves in a counter clockwise direction towards the yield surface, whereafter it stays on the yield surface before it reenters the elastic region and returns to the region in stress space where it started. For the right contact point (Fig. 10), the stress trajectory moves in opposite direction (clockwise direction) towards the yield surface and then remains on the yield surface approaching the vertex. However, before reaching the vertex, the stress state again reenters the elastic region and approaches the starting point. Based on the stress trajectory extracted for both contact points, which only reaches the part of the yield surface related to slip system (2), it is expected to observe a slip rate discontinuity on slip system (2) only. This will be investigated in the following study of slip rates. Also notice that the stress trajectory stays on the yield surface in a small region due to finite width of the ray caused by

the rate dependent model.

5.2. Slip rate fields

The slip rate fields for the wedge indented monazite is first presented as contour plots, to give an overview of the activity of the various slip planes in the vicinity of the moving contact points (see Fig. 11), and secondly as angular plots of the slip rate near the left and right contact points (see Figs. 12 and 13, respectively) to share details on the activity. The main goal is to bring out the discontinuities expected in the slip rate field, demonstrated by Drugan and Rice (1984); Rice (1987); Saito and Kysar (2011); Juul et al. (2018) for FCC and BCC crystals.

Figure 11 displays the normalized slip rate on the two slip systems as well as the total slip rate (the sum $\dot{\gamma}^{(\text{tot})} = \sum_A |\dot{\gamma}^{(A)}|$). Even though an analytical solution has not been established for monazite, discontinuities are expected in the slip rate field and the first signs of a discontinuity on slip system (2) for both contact points have already revealed themselves when the stress trajectory was investigated. By examining the slip rates, it is seen that the slip intensifies on slip system (1) along a ray emanating from the right contact point along $\psi = -103.21^\circ$ (suggesting a kink shear ray), however, the ray never reaches the contact point and the stress trajectory close to the contact point does not reach the yield surface for slip system (1). Thus, this is not a discontinuity related to the asymptotic solution. Instead the very limited activity on slip system (1) is an artifact of the far field conditions.

When inspecting the activity on slip system (2) it is seen that a discontinuity arises at $\psi = -90^\circ$ (forming a glide shear ray), which is evident at both the left and right contact point corresponding to the predictions from the stress trajectory. Furthermore, by comparing the slip rate on slip system (2) at the two contact points it is seen that they are within the same order of magnitude (see Fig. 11a). From the total slip rate in Fig. 11c, the interaction between slip system (1) and (2) is obvious in the right half of the domain (even though the activity on slip system (1) is not related to the asymptotic solution).

The angular variation of the slip rates near the two contact points is investigated closer in the following by using the same inverse isoparametric mapping scheme employed for the corresponding plots of the stress quantities (see the angular path in Fig. 6). The slip activity indicates the location of the sector boundaries as it divides regions into either elastic or plastic regions. The slip rates are presented in Figs. 12 and 13 for the left and right contact point, respectively. Inspection of the left contact point in Fig. 12 reveals two spikes in the slip rates, however, the spike on slip system (1) is of negligible magnitude as was also observed in Fig. 11a, and hence it should not be interpreted as evidence of a discontinuity. On slip system (2), the predicted discontinuity is clearly seen at $\psi = -90^\circ$, and this discontinuity maintains its orientation at the different radii of data extraction indicating that the asymptotic solution stretches far into the domain even though its theoretical validity is expected only to hold near the contact point.

For the right contact point (in Fig. 13), the same clear spike is seen for

404 slip system (2) at $\psi = -90^\circ$, as expected. For slip system (1) a spike is
 405 again observed, but its magnitude is very low and is not oriented at the
 406 expected angle. This also supports the previous conclusions, stating that a
 407 discontinuity on slip system (1) emanating from the contact point does not
 408 exist. At the largest radius of data extraction, the activity on slip system
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 410 angle and is not related to the asymptotic solution which is in focus here.

411 6. Concluding remarks

412 Numerical simulations of 2D wedge indentation in an elastic, perfectly
 413 plastic monazite single crystal have been carried out. The main focus in the
 414 numerical analysis was to investigate the material behaviour in the immediate
 415 vicinity of the moving contact point singularities. The variations in the
 416 deformation, stress, and slip rate fields lead to the following key findings:

- 417 • Indentation in the monazite crystal reveals a non-symmetric deforma-
 418 tion field. This is seen by the contact length and velocity of the left
 419 and right contact points being different. For the monazite crystal, with
 420 the given parameters, the right contact point travels faster than the
 421 left contact point, with a constant ratio of $a_r/a_l \approx 1.04$, between the
 422 contact lengths.
- 423 • The stress distribution in the vicinity of the contact point singularities
 424 exhibits a non-symmetric field around the indenter. By investigating

the angular variations in the stress field it is seen that, in the immediate vicinity of the contact points, an asymptotic field exists independent of the distance to the singularity. This is in-line with the findings of Saito and Kysar (2011) for FCC and BCC crystals. The stress trajectory for the monazite shows regions where the path reaches the yield surface, implying the existence of two elastic sectors.

- The numerical simulation reveals the existence of discontinuities in the slip rate, similar to those predicted by Saito and Kysar (2011) for FCC and BCC crystals. For the monazite crystal, a discontinuity parallel to slip system (2), causing glide shear, was predicted at both contact points with the activity on slip system (2) being on the same order of magnitude. Slip system (1) was essentially found to be inactive near the contact points and did not indicate any discontinuities.
- For the parameters chosen in this study, the monazite material has been found to have a hardness of $H \approx 5.2\tau_0$.

Based on numerical calculations, a sector structure for the monazite material, similar to the analytical structure predicted by Saito and Kysar (2011) for FCC and BCC, is suggested in Fig. 14. Here, the material behaviour is divided into two elastic sectors around each contact point.

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Parameter	Significance	Value
τ_0/E	Yield strain	$\sim 4.5\text{e}^{-5}$
ν	Poisson ratio	0.3
m	Strain rate-sensitivity exponent	0.02
$\dot{\gamma}_0$	Reference slip rate	0.001s^{-1}
$\dot{c}$	Indentation rate	0.5s^{-1}
ϕ	Indenter angle	0.038°

Table 1: Model parameters.

α	Slip System
1	(010)[001]
2	(010)[$\bar{1}00$]
3	($\bar{1}00$)[010]
4	($\bar{1}00$)[001]
5	($\bar{1}\bar{1}0$)[001]
6	($\bar{1}\bar{1}0$)[$\bar{1}10$]
7	($\bar{1}10$)[$\bar{1}\bar{1}0$]
8	($\bar{1}10$)[001]
9	(011)[0 $\bar{1}\bar{1}$]
10	(011)[100]
11	(0 $\bar{1}1$)[011]
12	(0 $\bar{1}1$)[100]

Table 2: Active slip systems in monazite at room temperature (identified by Hay, 2008).

In-plane slip system (A) no.	(1)	(2)	(3)
Mirrored pair of slip systems	(α) (β)	(011)[100] ($\bar{0}\bar{1}1$)[100]	($\bar{1}00$)[001] - ($\bar{1}10$)[001]
$s_i^{(\alpha)} = \begin{Bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \end{Bmatrix}^{(\alpha)}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} 0.9735 \\ 0 \\ -0.2285 \end{Bmatrix}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$
$m_i^{(\alpha)} = \begin{Bmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \end{Bmatrix}^{(\alpha)}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} 0.1703 \\ 0.6666 \\ 0.7257 \end{Bmatrix}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} -0.7281 \\ -0.6855 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$
$s_i^{(\beta)} = \begin{Bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \end{Bmatrix}^{(\beta)}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} 0.9735 \\ 0 \\ -0.2285 \end{Bmatrix}$	-	$\begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$
$m_i^{(\beta)} = \begin{Bmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \end{Bmatrix}^{(\beta)}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} 0.1703 \\ -0.6666 \\ 0.7257 \end{Bmatrix}$	-	$\begin{Bmatrix} -0.7281 \\ 0.6855 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$
In-plane slip system (A)	(001)[100]	($\bar{1}00$)[001]	($\bar{1}00$)[001]
$S_I^{(A)} = \begin{Bmatrix} S_1 \\ S_3 \end{Bmatrix}^{(A)}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} 0.9735 \\ -0.2285 \end{Bmatrix}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$
$M_I^{(A)} = \begin{Bmatrix} M_1 \\ M_3 \end{Bmatrix}^{(A)}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} 0.2285 \\ 0.9735 \end{Bmatrix}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$	$\begin{Bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$
Angle to (100) in the (010) plane: $\theta^{(A)}$	-13.21°	90°	90°
$\lambda^{(A)} = \frac{\tau_0^{(A)}}{\tau_0} = \frac{2}{\beta^{(A)}}$	1.3415	1	1.3735
$\beta^{(A)} = \frac{s_I^{(A\alpha)}m_J^{(A\alpha)} + s_I^{(A\beta)}m_J^{(A\beta)}}{S_I^{(A)}M_J^{(A)}}$	1.4909	1	1.4561

Table 3: In-plane slip systems of monazite.

Vertex	$(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{33})/2\tau_0$	σ_{13}/τ_0
A	1.0022	1
B	-5.0277	1
C	-1.0022	-1
D	5.0277	-1
E	0.2505	1.3735
F	-5.7794	1.3735
G	-0.2505	-1.3735
H	5.7794	-1.3735

Table 4: Vertices of the inner and outer envelope that make-up the yield surface of monazite (see Fig. 3).

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