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### Abstract

The paper is restricted to a phenomenological theory of inelastic solid bodies with special regard to metals. The bodies are considered as classical continua underlying thermo-mechanical irreversible processes including solid phase transformations, recrystallization, recovery etc.

After some remarks on mechanical and thermodynamical foundations of such processes special emphasis is given to the general structure of the constitutive equations of plastic and visco-plastic materials. From these considerations some conclusions on coupling phenomena between mechanical, thermal, and internal processes are drawn. The coupling phenomena can be divided into two classes: the first kind of coupling phenomena appears already in homogeneous processes as, for instance, the interaction between hardening due to plastic deformations and softening caused by recrystallization and recovery. the second kind of coupling phenomena occurs only in non-homogeneous process like the generation of residual stresses in quenching.