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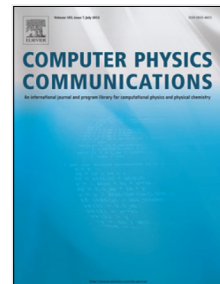
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Abstract

We provide `christoffel`, a Python tool for calculating direction-dependent phase velocities, polarization vectors, group velocities, power flow angles and enhancement factors based on the stiffness tensor of a solid. It is built in a modular way to allow for efficient and flexible calculations, and the freedom to select and combine results as desired. All derivatives are calculated analytically, which circumvents possible numerical sampling problems. GNUPlot scripts are provided for convenient visualization.

Keywords: Christoffel equation; Acoustic waves; Sound velocity; Phase velocity; Group velocity; Enhancement factor

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Program Title: Christoffel

Journal Reference:

Catalogue identifier:

Licensing provisions: GNU General Public Licence, version 3

Programming language: Python

Computer: Workstations

Operating system: Linux/UNIX/Windows/MacOS

Keywords: Christoffel equation, Stiffness tensor, Acoustic waves, Sound velocity, Phase velocity, Group velocity, Enhancement factor

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