Shock Phenomena in Granular and Porous Materials

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- Features forward-looking modeling approaches for granular materials
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