NONLOCAL MODELS AND METHODS FOR MATERIAL FAILURE AND DAMAGE SIMULATION

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ABSTRACT

Novel nonlocal formulations of continuum mechanics, such as peridynamics, nonlocal elasticity, strain-gradient elasticity, etc. are now gaining momentum as tools for modeling complex material behaviour. In particular, some of these formulations provide alternatives to traditional PDE-based models for the description of fracture paths and damage progression. Theoretical studies complemented with numerical methods have significantly advanced the field of nonlocal models in recent years and demonstrated the effective use of these models in complex fracture mechanics applications. This minisymposium is devoted to the presentation and discussion of nonlocal models and related computational methods and numerical simulations.