COMPUTATIONAL MODELLING OF DAMAGE AND FRACTURE

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ABSTRACT

The surge in computing power over the last decade has motivated significant advances in lifetime and reliability analyses of engineering materials and structures. In support of this demand, a wealth of novel computational modelling techniques have been developed for predicting inelastic material behaviour, including damage localisation, crack initiation, crack propagation, and other material instabilities. The mini-symposium aims to provide a platform for discussion of the newest theoretical and numerical developments at all stages of inelastic material response and degradation, up to failure. Topics of interest include, but are not restricted to, the following areas:

- Initiation or propagation of defects and cracks
- Mechanical, thermal, chemical loading, etc.
- Discrete models, micromechanical formulations, continuum damage descriptions
- Multiscale frameworks bridging different length / time scales
- Determination and Evaluation of physically based length scales

- Objective formulations with non-local / gradient / phase-field enhancements
 Transition from continuous to discontinuous formulation
- Relevant numerical methods