



Embrittlement and Ductility of Metallic Structural Materials

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Message from the Guest Editors

The embrittlement of metallic materials may be divided into non-hardening embrittlement and hardening embrittlement. Non-hardening embrittlement is usually caused by grain boundary segregation of some impurity elements. Hardening embrittlement is induced by material strengthening. In most cases, the embrittlement is always accompanied by the deterioration of ductility for metallic structural materials, which could cause difficulties in some manufacturing processes. Besides, poor ductility could cause engineering disasters during the service of structural components. Therefore, embrittlement and ductility are always hot topics in the field of metallic structural materials. This Special Issue will focus on investigations into brittleness and ductility in all types of metallic structural materials. Manuscripts regarding the following areas will be preferentially considered in the Special Issue: precipitation embrittlement; irradiation embrittlement; embrittlement under welding and joining; grain boundary segregation; hot ductility; mechanism or method of strengthening and toughening; and modelling or simulation of embrittlement or ductility.





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