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Mechanical Failure and Metal Degradation of Ships and Marine Structures

Message from the Guest Editors

Ships and marine structures are constructed by various metallic materials including high-strength steels, stainless steels, copper alloys, titanium alloys and so on. The damage and failure of these metal components directly threaten the safety of ships, ocean platforms, offshore wind power structures, subsea vehicles, subsea pipelines, risers and cross-sea bridges. Due to the wind, wave and current loads in the ocean, ships and marine structures can suffer from serious mechanical failure, including fatigue, fracture, creepage, erosion and buckling. On the other hand, the metal structures can lessen the risks of electrochemical corrosion in seawater. Furthermore, the synergy of the mechanical load and the corrosion (including but not limited to stress corrosion, erosion-corrosion, tribo-corrosion and corrosion fatigue) could lead to the quick failure of the ships and marine structures. As a result, detecting the metal damage and understanding the failure mechanism of metals caused by both mechanical load and electrochemical corrosion in complex marine environments are crucial for early warnings and the protection of ships and marine structures.

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