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Abstract

Since Apollo it has been necessary to ensure the safety of spaceflight structures by fracture and damage tolerance methods. Fracture and damage control cover a wide range of structural and materials engineering disciplines. This paper will present a brief overview of the history, the current state of art, and new developments in implementing fracture and damage control to assure spaceflight structural integrity.