

Introduction to the special issues on ICS'01

The International Conference on Complexity and Frontiers in Strength and Frontiers in Strength and Fracture (ICS'01) was held 24–27 June 2001 in Sendai, Japan. It was organized by the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science and The Japanese Society for Strength and Fracture of Materials. It has been a very successful event. The selected papers presented at this conference will all be published in this journal. This is the first of three special issues on ICS'01.

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