

***Interactive comment on “A new mixed-mode fracture criterion for large scale lattice models” by T. Sachau and D. Koehn***

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Thanks for the review!

You are right, calling the elements 'springs' might be misleading. Unfortunately there are few options. Ostoja-Starzewski used to consider different types of springs for the normal force ('springs') and for the shear force ('angular springs'). However, that terminology may be a bit awkward in the present context. 'Bonds' would be a more neutral term. Maybe this should be decided by the editor.

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