

General Terms and Conditions of Contribution

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Welcome to **tribology-software.com** (hereinafter "the Platform"). These terms govern your contribution to the Platform as a software owner or representative (hereinafter "the Contributor").

1. Purpose and Scope

These terms apply to any Contributor who submits information, text, images, or external links (hereinafter "the Content") to list and showcase a calculation software or research laboratory on the Platform. This agreement does not cover software deployment or online execution services.

2. Publication Authorization

- **Ownership:** The Contributor retains full ownership of all intellectual property rights over their software and submitted materials.
- **Authorization:** By submitting description texts, open-access images, and external links, the Contributor authorizes the Platform to publish and display this information on the website for promotional and directory purposes. The Contributor may request the removal or modification of this information at any time.

3. Contributor's Warranties and Obligations

The Contributor explicitly warrants and guarantees that:

- They are the legitimate owner of the Content (or have official authorization from their institution/laboratory to publish it).
- The Content does not infringe upon any third-party intellectual property rights (copyrights, patents, trademarks).
- Any external links provided (to personal websites, institutional pages, or LinkedIn) are secure, accurate, and do not lead to malicious software.

4. Right of Refusal and Removal (Moderation)

The Platform acts as a passive directory and reserves the right, at its sole discretion and without prior notice, to refuse, modify, or remove any listing or Content that violates these terms, is deemed inaccurate, or does not align with the scientific and professional standards of the Platform.

5. Limitation of Liability

The Platform provides a listing service on an "as is" basis. The Platform owner shall not be held liable for any direct or indirect damages, loss of data, or reputation issues resulting from the display of the Contributor's software or from interactions between the Contributor and the Platform's visitors.

6. Visitor Interactions and Communication

To facilitate networking within the tribology community, the Platform provides features allowing visitors to contact the Contributor. Depending on the settings agreed upon during configuration, this communication may occur via:

- **Direct Display:** The public display of the Contributor's professional email address or LinkedIn profile on their listing page.
- **Contact Form Forwarding:** A contact form on the Platform where the Platform acts as a technical intermediary, forwarding the visitor's message and contact details to the Contributor's email.

Limitation of Liability: The Platform strictly acts as a technical transmitter of these messages. The Platform does not filter, monitor, or verify the content of messages sent by visitors. Consequently, the Platform declines all liability for the content of these inquiries, including but not limited to spam, unsolicited commercial offers, or inappropriate content.

7. Data Protection (RGPD)

The Platform collects and processes professional personal data (such as the Contributor's name, professional email, and LinkedIn profile) strictly for the purposes of managing the directory and enabling communication. This data will never be sold to third parties.

8. Governing Law

These terms are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of France. Any disputes arising from these contribution terms shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the French courts.