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Fatigue Life Calculation Approaches for Metallic Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

The fatigue life of metallic materials and their components is limited under exposure to repeated mechanical loads. Thus, an understanding of their damage evolution as well as estimation of the related (remaining) fatigue life is of major importance for their technical application in various fields. In order to achieve the goal of a (remaining) fatigue life calculation, it is necessary to determine and provide comprehensive material information describing the microstructures and associated material mechanisms of metallic materials. In addition to external and internal loads, the material's chemical composition, condition, geometry, and surface topography strongly influence the lifetime of its components or structure. This Special Issue intends to present a collection of the latest developments in the field from well-known researchers. Areas of interest include the simulation and modeling of fatigue processes and material mechanisms, numerical analysis of fatigue data, comparison of empirical results, and the physical principles related to the development of approaches for the fatigue life calculation of materials exposed to cyclic loads.

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