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Chapter 4 – Fatigue Crack Initiation and Propagation

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Abstract

The resistance of metal alloys to fatigue can be classified into four major regimes: low-cycle fatigue (or short life), limited resistance (between 10^5 and 10^6 cycles), high-cycle fatigue (between 10^6 and 10^7 cycles) and gigacycle (more than 10^7 cycles). This chapter introduces the basic concepts of cyclic mechanical behavior, crack initiation and propagation in these different regimes.

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Crack path ; Fatigue Crack Initiation ; Fatigue crack propagation ; Gigacycle fatigue ; High-cycle fatigue tests ; Interaction between modes ; Mixed-mode fatigue crack growth ; Multiaxial fatigue ; Plastic or low-cycle fatigue tests

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