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## *Fatigue Crack Growth and Life Prediction Methods II*

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# Overview

- A brief summary of fatigue crack growth and life prediction methods research reported in the ICAF 2025 National Reviews of:

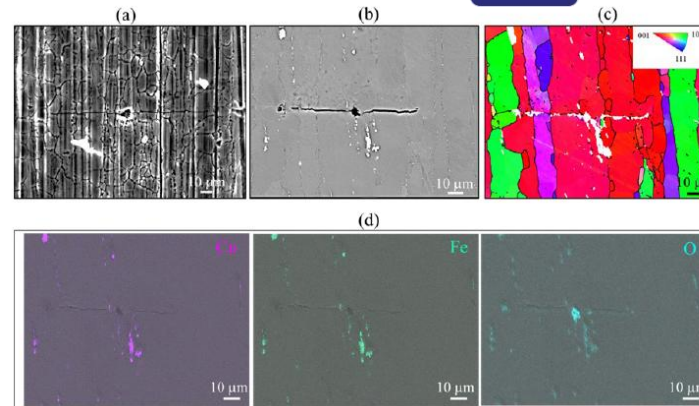
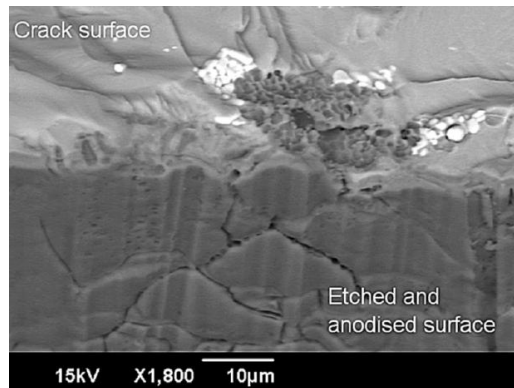
- Australia
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# Equivalent Initial Damage Size (EIDS),

- EIDS research with an anodised AA 7085 f







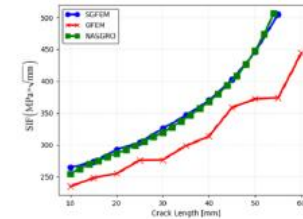
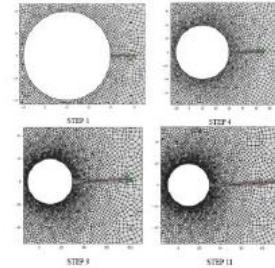
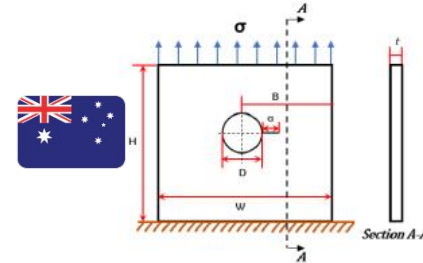
- EIDS / EPS in AA 20



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# Fatigue crack growth (FCG) mode..

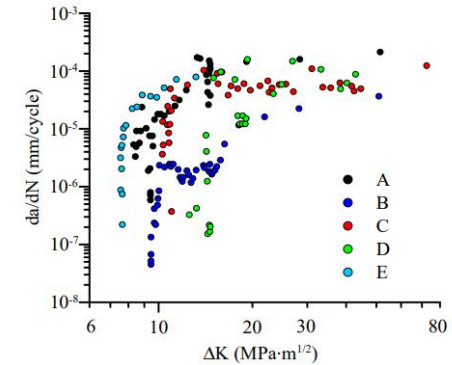
- Optimised FCG mode 
- Models for FCG with spike overloads 
- 'Simple scaling' closure  near-threshold FCGR models 
- Stable generalised FEMs of FCG




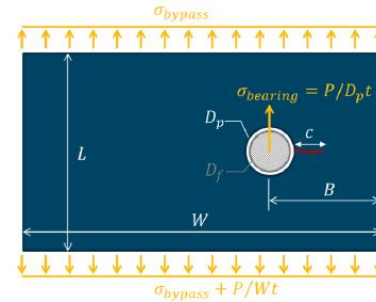
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# Fatigue crack growth (FCG) mode

- Data-driven machine learning predictions of FCGRs in AA7075 
- Development of stress intensity factor (SIF) solutions for filled and interference fit fastener holes 



- Crack interaction effects semi-elliptical surface with adjacent corner crack 







$W$ : Plate width  
 $B$ : Hole edge distance  
 $D_p$ : Hole diameter  
 $E_p$ : Plate elastic modulus  
 $\nu_p$ : Plate Poisson's ratio  
 $D_f$ : Fastener diameter  
 $E_f$ : Fastener elastic modulus  
 $\nu_f$ : Fastener Poisson's ratio  
 $c$ : Crack length  
 $\sigma_{bypass}$ : Remote bypass stress  
 $\sigma_{bearing}$ : Bearing stress  
 $P$ : Bearing load  
 $\delta = (D_f - D_p)/D_p$ : Interference level

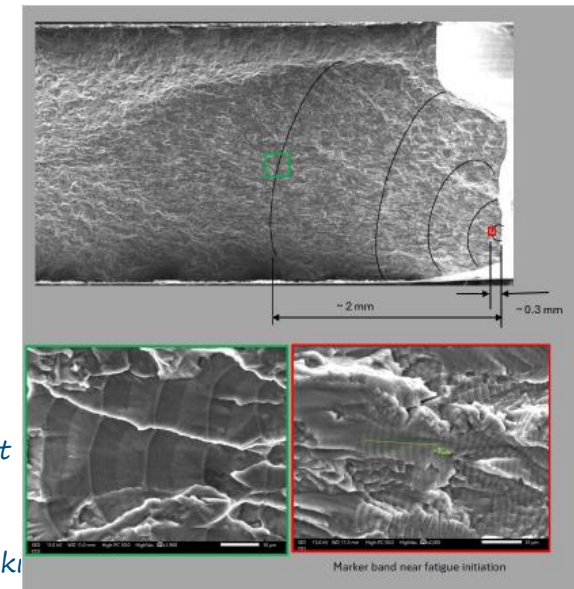
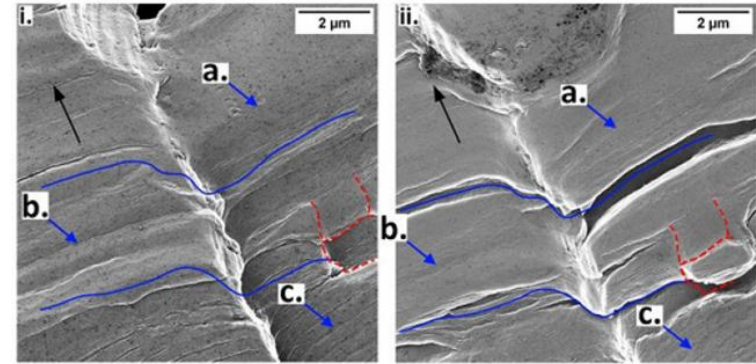
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- FCG in mono/poly crystals of Ni 
- Fractographic studies of mating fracture surface features 
- Development of marker bands for different da/dN rates 
- Effect of thermal and external load on mechanical behaviour of CFRP/Alum  m hybrid joints





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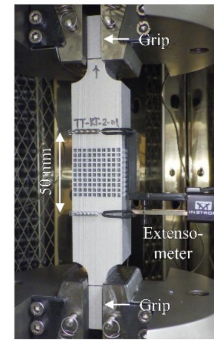
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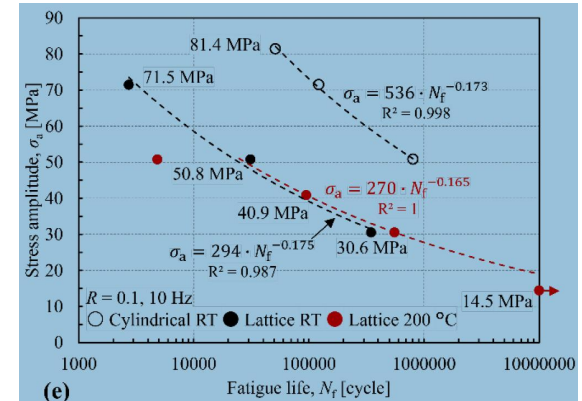
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LPBW



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# Questions