

TMF Crack Growth: Research and Development Performed Towards a European Interlaboratory Code of Practice

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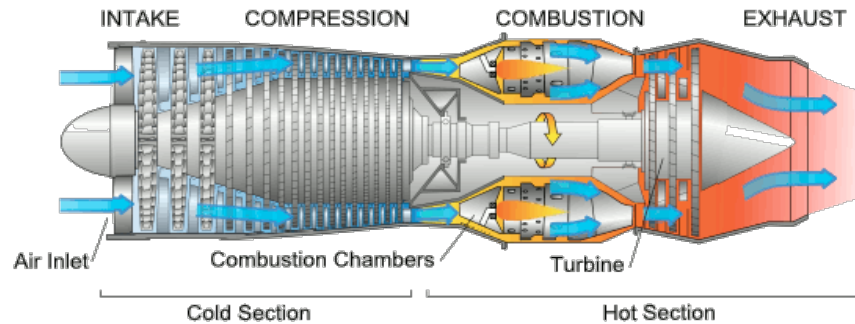
Europe's Vision for Aviation targets for new aircraft technology relative to 2000 performance

- Reduce perceived external noise by 50% by 2020 and 65% by 2050
- Reduce fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions by 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2050
- Reduce No_x emissions by 80% by 2020 and 90% by 2050

<https://www.acare4europe.org/>

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Higher turbine temperature

Dennis G, 'Principles of Turbo machinery', McMillan (1956). ISBN 0-471-85546-4. LCCN 56002849.

Increase of operation and service life

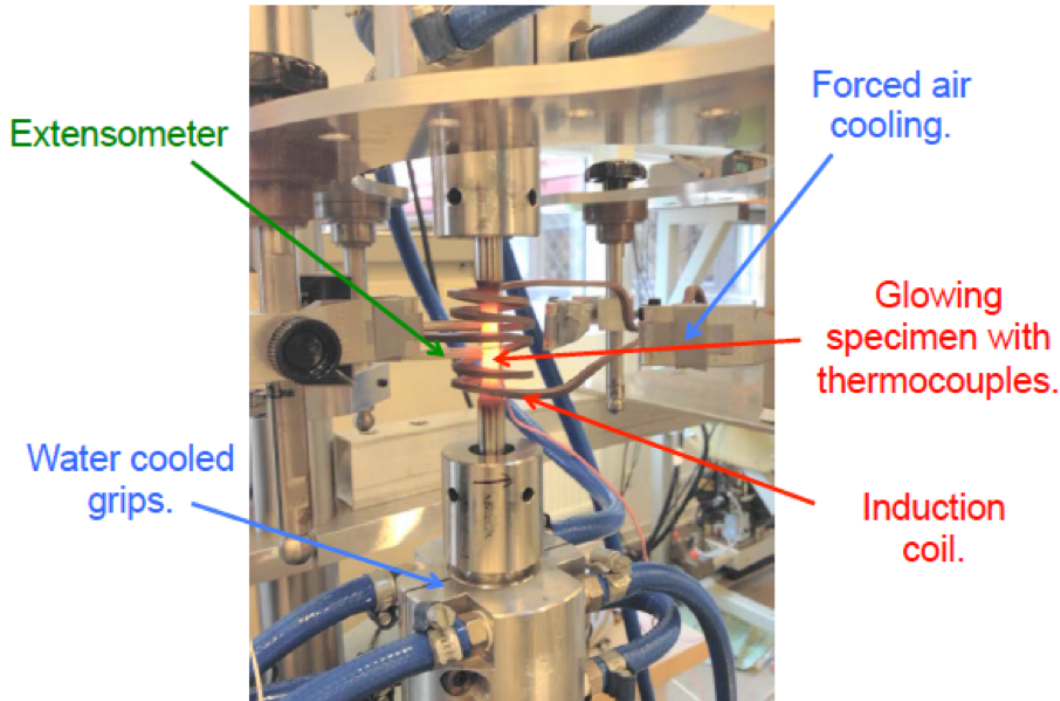
Optimised performance and efficiency

Reduced overhaul and replacement costs

Lower fuel consumption/environmental impact

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Existing standards

Strain controlled TMF:

EU CoP

ASTM E2368 – 10

ISO 12111:2012

Force controlled TMF:

A CoP developed by Rolls-Royce MTOC

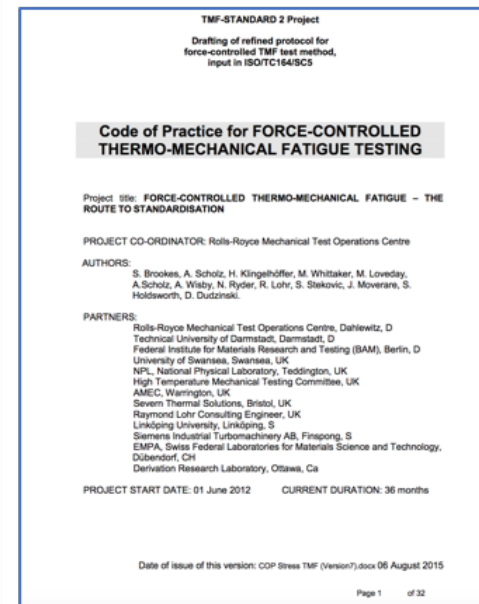
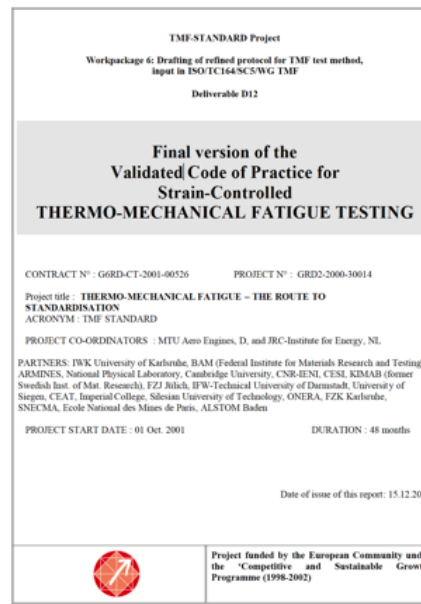
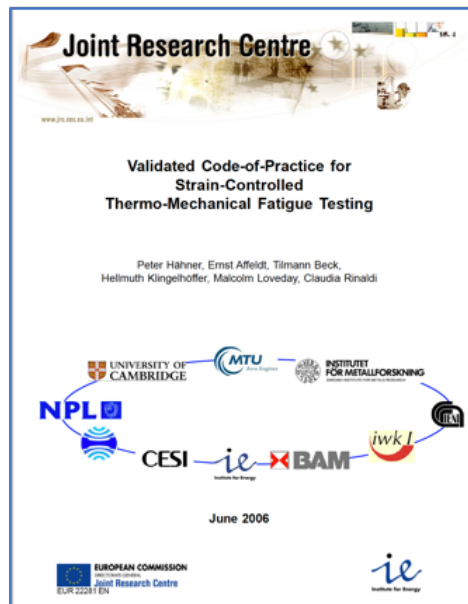
TMF crack growth:

Not covered by CoP or standard
Investigated in isolation and with limited conditions

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- P. Häfner, E. Affeldt, T. Beck, H. Klingelhöffer, M. Loveday, C. Rinaldi, [Code of Practice for strain controlled TMF testing](#), EU FP5 project TMF STANDARD
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Title:	Development of Experimental Techniques and Predictive Tools to Characterise Thermo-Mechanical Fatigue Behaviour and Damage Mechanisms (DevTMF)
Funded:	EU's Horizon 2020 and Clean Sky 2
Start date:	1 st of Feb 2016
Duration:	60 months
Consortium:	3 partners (Linköping University, Swansea University and the University of Nottingham) and 1 topic manager (Rolls – Royce plc)
No of tests:	≈100 including 15 for the round robin exercise

<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/what-horizon-2020>

<https://www.cleansky.eu/discover>

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Objectives of DevTMF

- Validate TMF test methods (both strain TMF and TMF CG)
- Generate accurate and high quality TMF test data
- Develop material models for both crack initiation and propagation during TMF
- Validate with component relevant cycles

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Objectives of TMF CG activities

- To harmonise TMF CG experimental method between partners with respect to appropriate heating/cooling methods, crack monitoring techniques and specimen design
- To establish guidelines and procedures for local Code of Practice for the tests at the consortium level
- To draft a Code of Practice with support from the HTMTC organisation
- To promote further collaboration towards standardisation of TMF CG experimental method

Experimental methods

Experimental methods

TMF CG back-to-back testing:

- 3 laboratories
- 2 different specimen designs
- 3 different crack growth measurement methods
- 2 different heating methods
- 3 different coil designs for induction heating

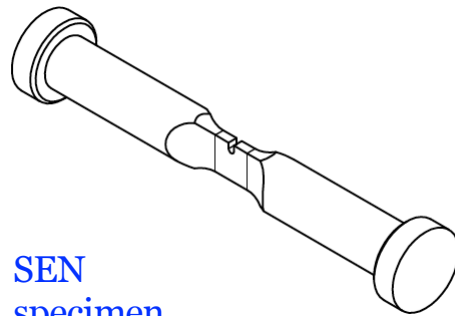
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TMF CG back-to-back testing:

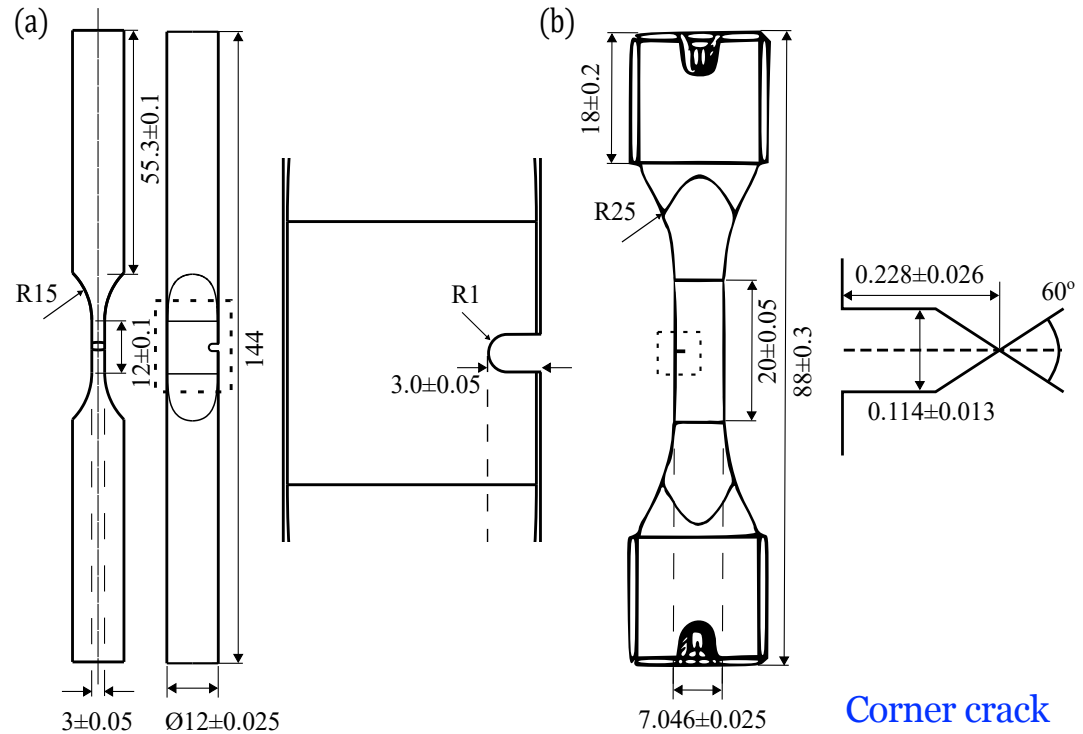
- Validation of coil designs
- Validation of heating methods
- Validation of temperature measurement and control
- Pre-cracking procedures
- Effect of heating zone at crack tip

Experimental methods

TMF CG back-to-back testing: specimen designs



SEN
specimen
used at
Nottingham



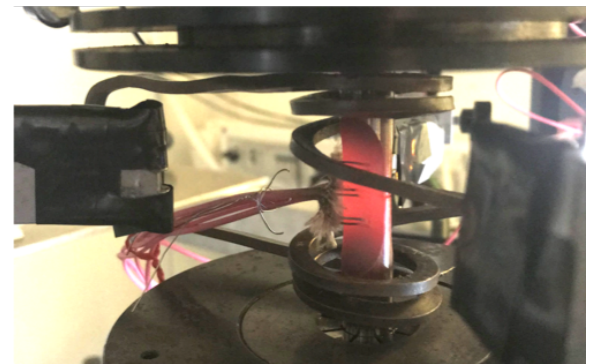
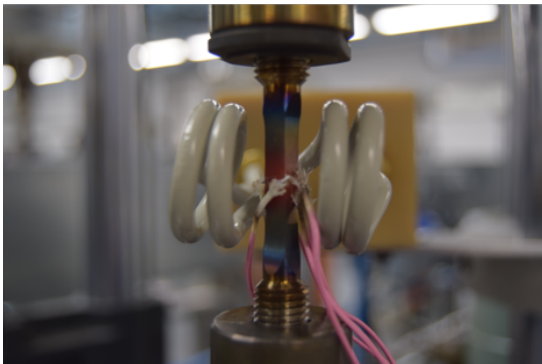
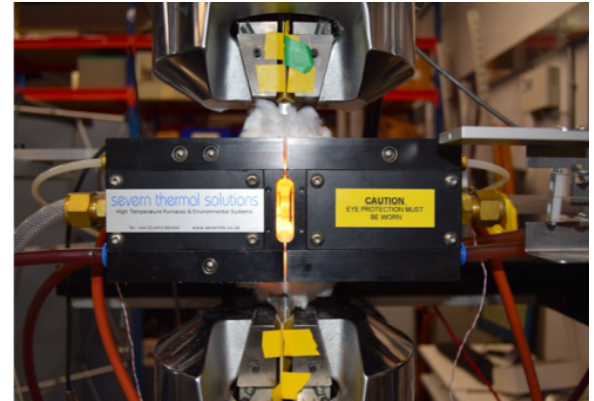
SEN specimen used at Linköping

Corner crack
specimens at
Swansea

Experimental methods

TMF CG back-to-back testing: [heating methods](#)

- Induction with different coil set-ups
- Infra-red lamp furnace



Different coil designs

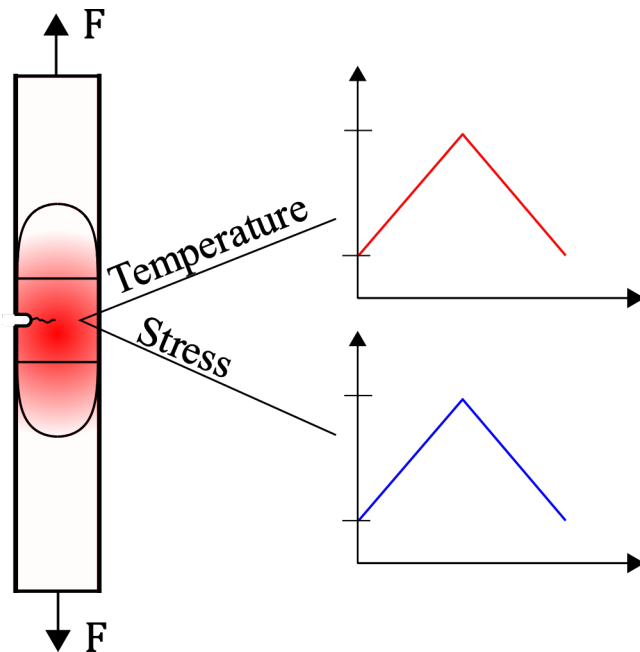
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TMF CG back-to-back testing: TMF cycles

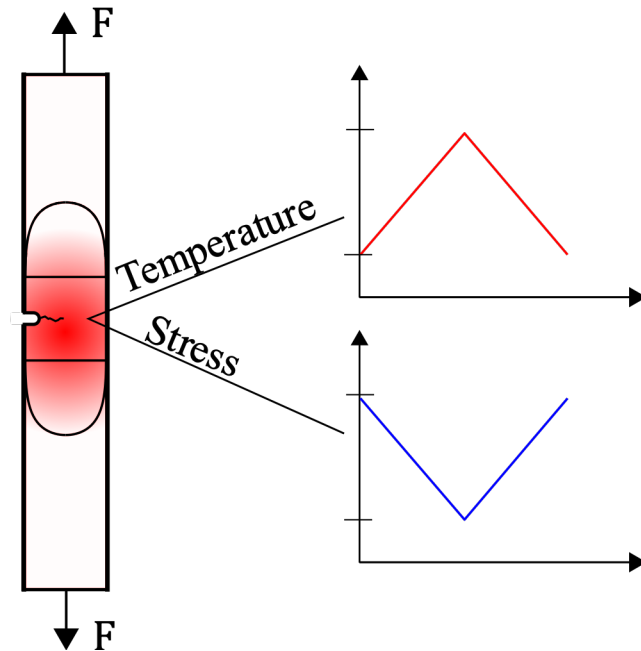
- 70s triangular cycle
- 400-750°C
- Stress controlled
- $R=0$
- In-phase (IP) and out-of-phase (OP)
- Variations in the pre-crack procedure

Experimental methods

TMF CG back-to-back testing: **TMF cycles**



IP



OP

Experimental methods

TMF CG back-to-back testing: **temperature measurements**

Measurement	Thermocouple	Pyrometer	Thermography
Mode	Invasive	Non Invasive	Non Invasive
Area	≈ 2mm ²	≈ 2mm ²	Entire Gauge Section
Dynamic Accuracy	Externally Influenced	Good	Good
Set up Time	Slow	Fast	Fast
Profiling	Thermocouple Based	Thermocouple Based	Thermography Based
Repeatability	Externally Influenced	Good	Good
Emissivity Influenced	No	Yes	Yes
Post Test Analysis	No	No	Yes
Shadowing Effects	Yes	No	No
Cold Spot Identification	No	No	Yes
In-Situ Adjustments	No	No	Yes
Initial Cost	Low	Ok	High
Calibration Cost	High	Low	Low

Conclusions

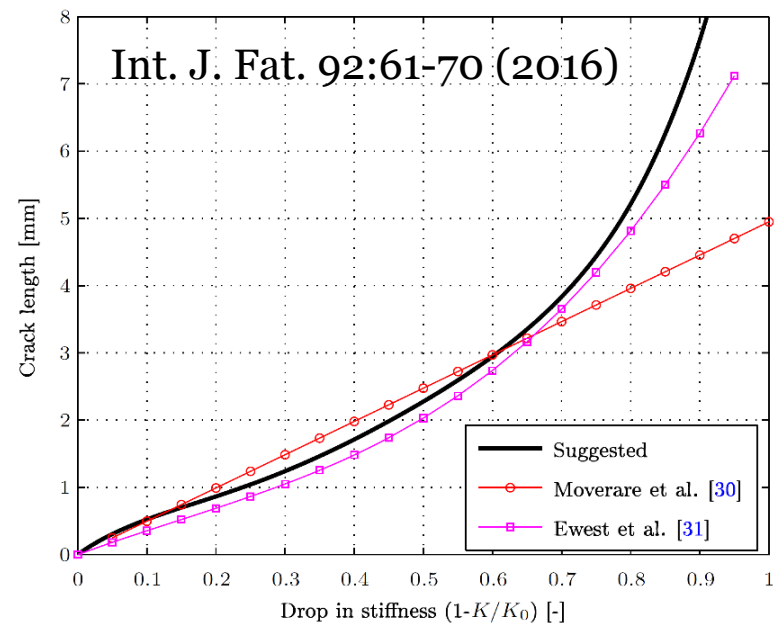
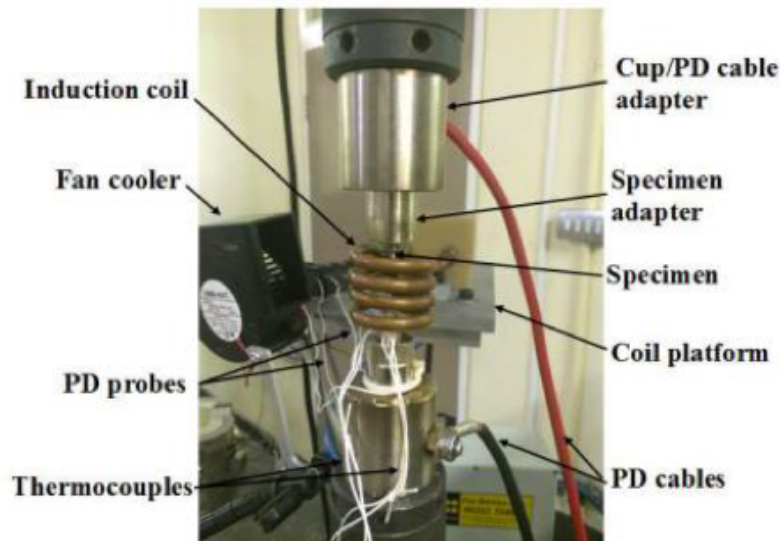
- Pyrometer and thermography offer non-invasive measurements
- Accurate temperature control with thermography
- TCs unfavourable to weld
- TCs are complex set up
- Temperature at shoulder not stable
- Surface emissivity and pre-exposure can cause shorter fatigue life with pyrometer but not with thermography

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TMF CG back-to-back testing: crack growth measurement methods

- Direct Current Potential Drop (DCPD)
- Compliance method
- Alternating Current Potential Drop



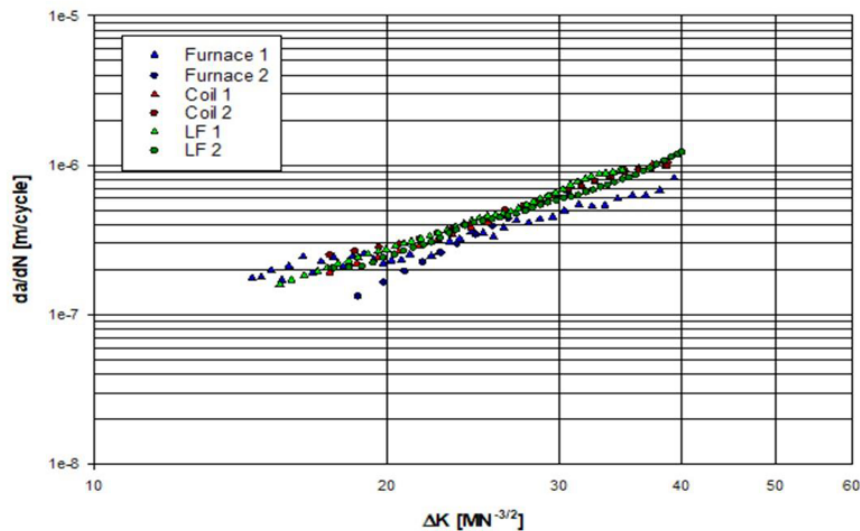
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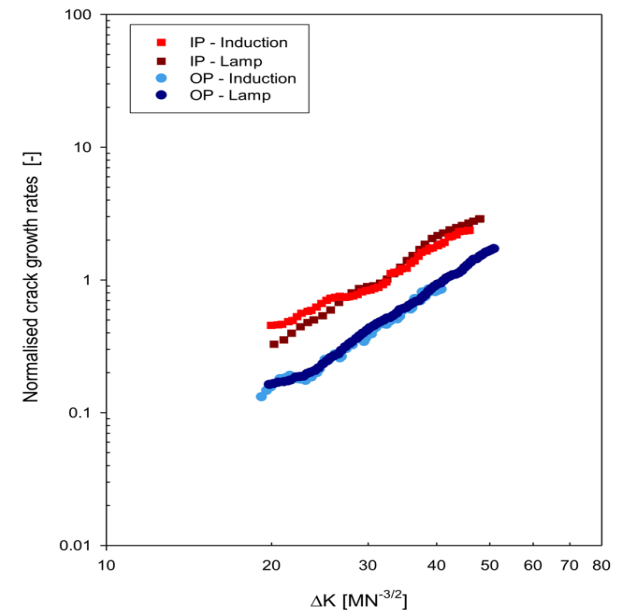
TMF CG back-to-back testing: effect of lamp furnace vs induction coil, Swansea

Ti-6246 CC tested at the same isothermal conditions



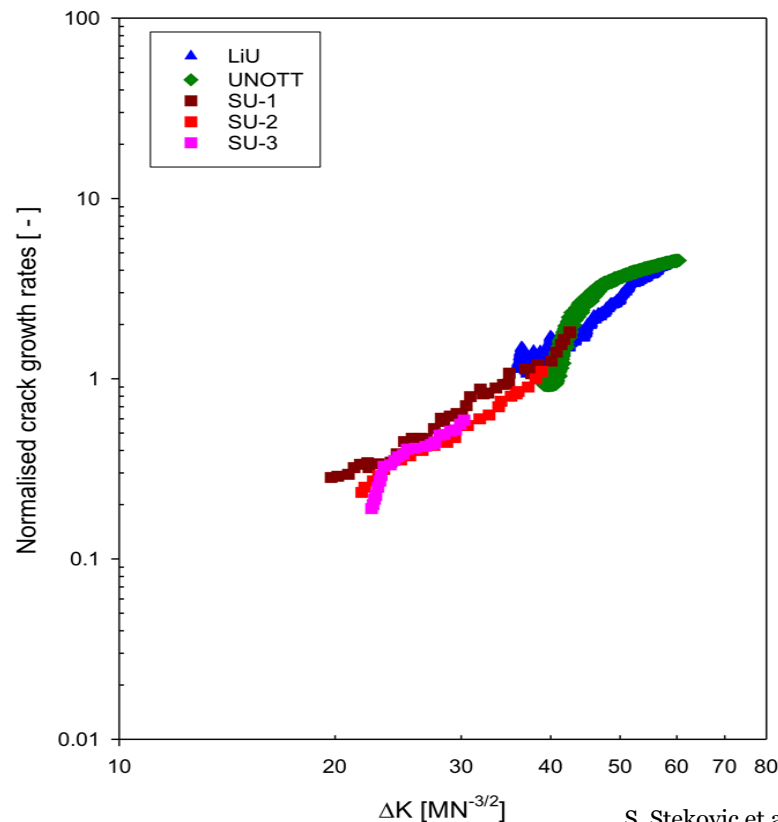
J. Palmer et al., Development of test facilities for thermo-mechanical fatigue testing. *International Journal of Fatigue* 121 (2019) 208-218

CG rates are consistent across different heating methods



S. Stekovic et al., DevTMF – Towards code of practice for thermo-mechanical fatigue crack growth. *International Journal of Fatigue* (2020) 105675.

TMF CG back-to-back testing: OP crack growth rates

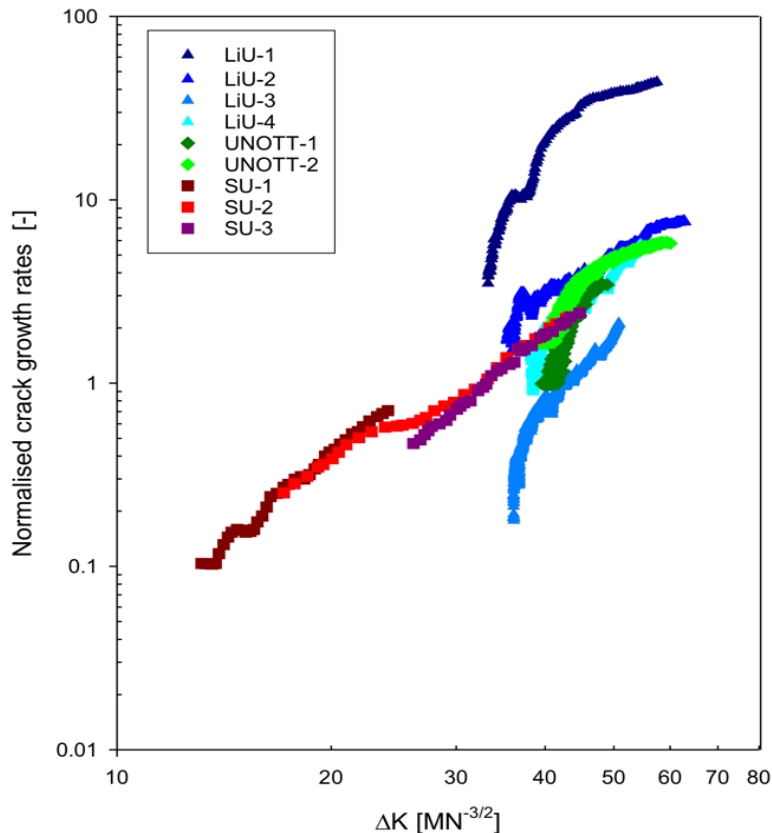


OP CG rates are consistent between the laboratories

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TMF CG back-to-back testing: IP crack growth rates



IP CG rates are mostly consistent between the laboratories

Faster crack growth rates in one specimen from LiU (dominated by microstructure effect)

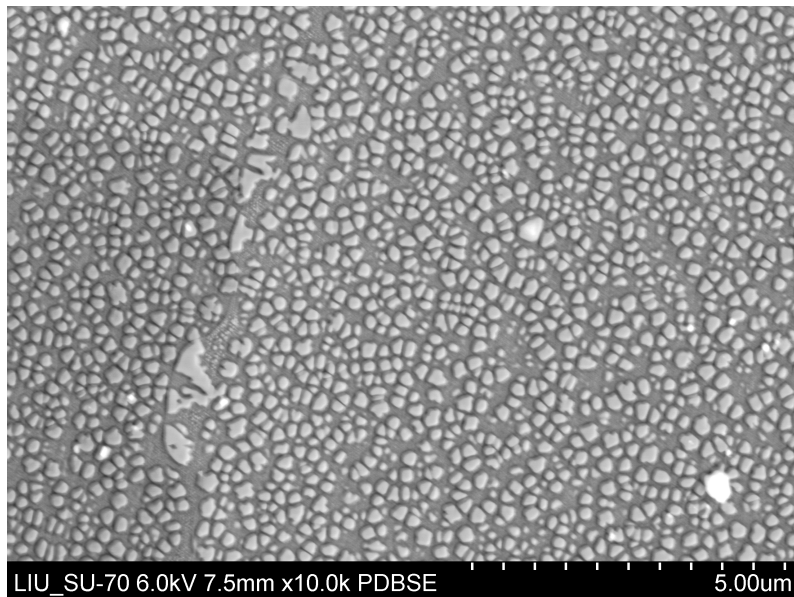
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TMF CG back-to-back testing: IP crack growth rates

Faster TMF CG IP rate



Slower TMF CG IP rate

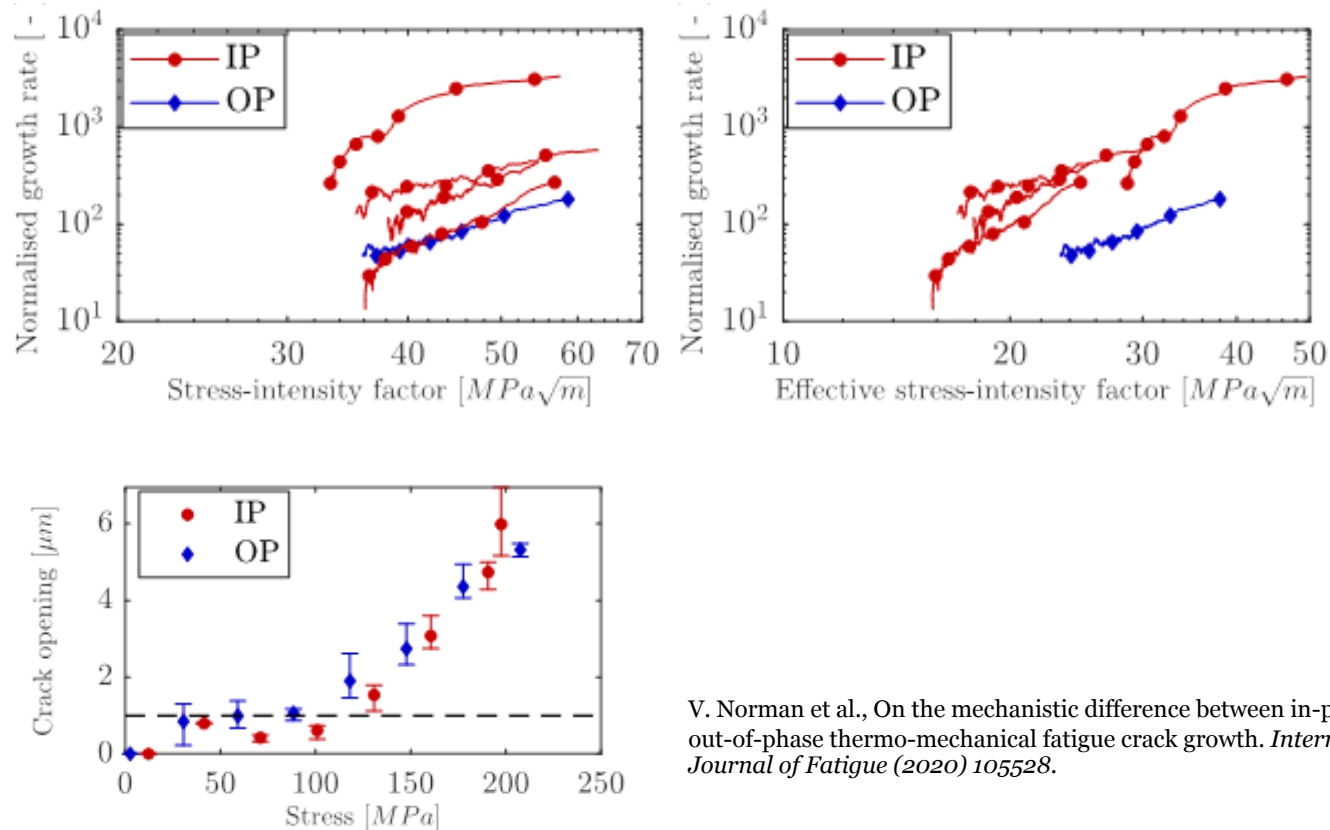


Secondary γ' : Max 210nm, average 155nm

Secondary γ' : Max 335nm, average 280nm

Results

TMF CG back-to-back testing: crack closure effect, different pre-cracking procedure



V. Norman et al., On the mechanistic difference between in-phase and out-of-phase thermo-mechanical fatigue crack growth. *International Journal of Fatigue* (2020) 105528.

Results

Recommendations:

- Heating methods – effect of induction on DCPD negligible
- Coil design – non-uniform multi-turn longitudinal field
helical coil
- Temperature measurements – use of thermocouples,
pyrometry and thermography
- Crack tip heating – no significant effect
- Specimen design – similar results obtained
- Accurate readings from both DCPD, compliance method and
ACPD
- Pre-cracking procedure – different stages

TMF CG Code of Practice

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Committee

Welcome

The High Temperature Mechanical Testing Committee (HTMTC) was established in 1982 following a conference held at NPL on 'Measurement of High Temperature Mechanical Properties of Materials'. The membership of the committee includes experts in the field of high temperature testing drawn from industry, research institutions and universities. The HTMTC operates as Technical Committee 11 (TC11) of the European Structural Integrity Society (ESIS).

The HTMTC is a non-profit company limited by guarantee (Reg. No. 2149907) and is also a Registered Charity (Reg. No. 800892).

The HTMTC aims to improve the techniques and procedures used for the high temperature testing of materials, and to disseminate this information to the materials community as a whole.

It achieves these aims by:

- Providing a Forum for Discussion
- Organizing Conferences and Laboratory Visits
- Publishing Conference Proceedings and Codes of Practice
- Initiating Research Activities

Membership of the HTMTC is open to all interested parties particularly engineers, scientists and technical personnel from industry, laboratories and research institutes who have an interest in high temperature mechanical testing. Further information on becoming a member can be obtained via the contacts shown below.

Conclusions

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- Internal comparison of the TMF CG data between three laboratories
- Reproducibility and repeatability of the TMF CG results
- Robustness of the TMF CG testing and dependency on test laboratory
- Towards standardisation of TMF CG test method



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