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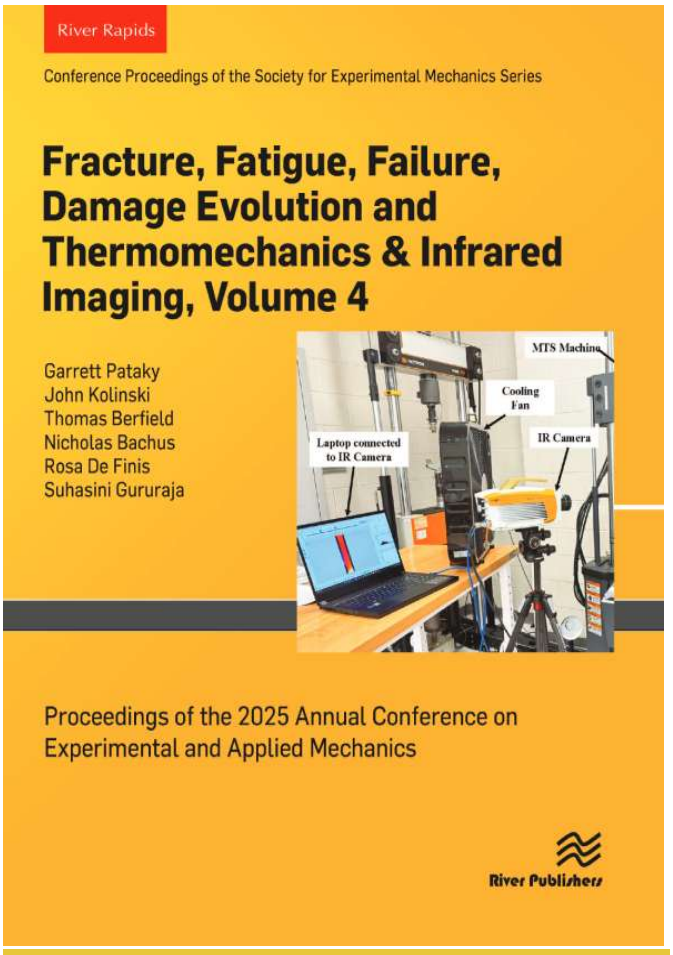
Fatigue and fracture are two of the most critical considerations in engineering design. Understanding and characterizing fatigue and fracture has remained as one of the primary focus areas of experimental mechanics for several decades. Advances in experimental techniques, such as digital image correlation, acoustic emissions, and electron microscopy, have allowed fordeeper study of phenomena related to fatigue and fracture.

This volume contains the results of investigations of several aspects of fatigue and fracture such as microstructural effects, the behavior of interfaces, the behavior of different and/or complex materials such as composites, and environmental and loading effects. The collection of experimental mechanics research included here represents another step toward solving the long-term challenges associated with fatigue and fracture. In recent years the applications of infrared imaging techniques to the mechanics of materials and structures has grown considerably. The expansion is marked by the increased spatial and temporal resolution of the infrared detectors, faster processing times, much greater temperature resolution and specific image processing. The improved sensitivity and more reliable temperature calibrations of the devices have meant that more accurate data can be obtained than were previously available.



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