Foreword

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This publication presents state-of-the-art reviews from leading experts on methods for characterizing small-crack behavior. It should be of use to students and practicing researchers in the fields of materials science and engineering and mechanical engineering.

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