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**Join the global fatigue community in discussing the latest
experimental and theoretical research on the fatigue behavior of
structural materials in the very high cycle regime.**

Technical Scope

In recent years, there has been a growing emphasis on safely extending the service lives of existing transportation and power generation systems beyond their original design lifetimes. The need to reduce environmental impact and the need for increased economic efficiency are driving the design of new components and systems in which fatigue lifetimes as long as 10^9 to 10^{10} cycles are required. Thus, there is global interest in, and need for, improved understanding of the fatigue behavior of structural materials in the very high cycle fatigue (VHCF) regime.

Conference History

First International Conference: "Fatigue Life in the Gigacycle Regime,"
June 29-July 1, 1998, Paris; organized by Professor C. Bathias.

Second International Conference: "Fatigue in the Very High Cycle Regime,"
July 2-4, 2001, Vienna; organized by professors S.E. Stanzle-Tschegg and
H. Mayer. At that time, it was agreed that the conference would be held every three
years under the name "Very High Cycle Fatigue."

Third International Conference: "Very High Cycle Fatigue (VHCF-3)," Sept. 16-19,
2004, Kyoto/Kusatsu, Japan; organized by professors T. Sakai and Y. Ochi; sponsored by Society of Materials Science, Japan (JSMS), Research Group for Statistical Aspect of Materials Strength (RGSAMS), and Ritsumeikan University.

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Preliminary Technical Program

Keynote and Invited Speakers

- ~ **Claude Bathias and Paul C. Paris**, *CNAM/ITMA, France*
“Initiation in the Gigacycle Fatigue Regime”
- ~ **David Davidson**, *Southwest Research Institute, USA*
“The Effect of Nonuniform Grain Size on the Fatigue Limit of Clean Material”
- ~ **Richard Gangloff**, *University of Virginia, USA*
“Modeling Environment Sensitive Fatigue at Low Growth Rates”
- ~ **D. Harlow**, *Lehigh University, USA*
“Data Fusion and Science-Based Modeling: A Technique for Very High Cycle Fatigue Predictions”
- ~ **Peter K. Liaw**, *The University of Tennessee, USA*
“Fatigue Behavior of Zr-Based Bulk-Metallic Glasses at Different Loading”
- ~ **Petr Lukas**, *Czech Academy of Sciences, Czechoslovakia*
“Fatigue Behavior of Ultrafine-Grain Copper in Very High Cycle Fatigue Regime”
- ~ **Herwig Mayer**, *BOKU University, Austria*
“Fatigue Damage of Low Amplitude Cycles Under Variable Amplitude Loading Condition”
- ~ **David McDowell**, *Georgia Institute of Technology, USA*
“An Efficient Computational Approach to Uncertainty in High Cycle Fatigue Life Caused by Variability in Microstructural Features in Alloys with Inclusions”
- ~ **Hael Mughrabi**, *University of Erlangen, Germany*
“Fatigue Damage Evolution in Ductile Single-Phase Face-Centered Cubic Metals in the VHCF-Regime”
- ~ **Christopher Muhlstein**, *Pennsylvania State University, USA*
“Deformation and Fatigue of Face-Centered and Diamond Cubic Structural Films”
- ~ **Yukitaka Murakami**, *Kyushu University, Japan*
“Effects of Hydrogen on High Cycle Fatigue”
- ~ **Yasuo Ochi**, *University of Electro-Communications, Japan*
“Effects of Shot Peening Treatment on Very High Cycle Fatigue Property in Austempered Ductile Iron”
- ~ **Jean Petit**, *ENSMA/CNRS, France*
“Ultra High Cycle Fatigue Behavior of a Ti6246 Alloy in Air and in High Vacuum”
- ~ **Robert Ritchie**, *University of California, USA*
“An Assessment of Very High Cycle Fatigue Failure in Micron-Scale Polycrystalline Silicon for MEMS”
- ~ **Tatsuo Sakai**, *Ritsumeikan University, Japan*
“Review and Prospects for Current Studies on Very High Cycle Fatigue of Metallic Materials for Machine Structural Use”
- ~ **William Sharpe**, *Johns Hopkins University, USA*
“A 20 Kilohertz Optical Strain Gage”
- ~ **Stefanie Stanzl-Tschegg**, *BOKU University, Austria*
“PSB Threshold and Fatigue Limit of Polycrystalline Copper in the VHCF Regime”

Preliminary Technical Program

Sessions

Advanced Materials and MEMS

Fatigue Behavior of Ultrafine-Grain Copper in Very High Cycle Fatigue Regime:

Petr Lukas, Ludvik Kunz, Milan Svoboda, Otakar Bokuvka, *Czech Academy of Sciences, Czechoslovakia*

An Assessment of Very High Cycle Fatigue Failure in Micron-Scale Polycrystalline Silicon for MEMS: Robert Ritchie, Daan Hein Alsem, *University of California, USA*

Fatigue Behavior of Zr-Based Bulk-Metallic Glasses at Different Loading: Peter K. Liaw, Gongyao Wang, Y. Yokoyama, A. Peker, W.H. Peter, M. Freels, Z.Y. Zhang, V. Keppens, A. Inoue, R.A. Buchanan, C.T. Liu, C.R. Brooks, *The University of Tennessee, USA*

Deformation and Fatigue of Face-Centered and Diamond Cubic Structural Films: Christopher Muhlstein, Olivier Pierron, Roi A. Meirom, James G. Collins, M. Clara Zapata, *Pennsylvania State University, USA*

Fatigue of Polycrystalline Thin Film Silicon for Micro-Electro-Mechanical Structures (MEMS): Joerg Bagdahn, Matthias Ebert, Peter Gumbsch, Robert Borch, *Fraunhofer Institute, Germany*

Very High Cycle Fatigue Characterization of Silicon Structural Thin Films with kHz Frequency Resonators: Olivier Pierron, Christopher Muhlstein, *Qualcomm MEMS Technologies, USA*

High Cycle Fatigue Crack Behavior and Fracture in Poly Si Thin Films: Qiang Chen, Gen Hashiguchi, Norio Kawagoishi, Katsuyori Suzuki, Yuki Nishimori, Hideo Horibe, *Kochi National College of Technology, Japan*

Fatigue at Ultra High Frequencies in Sub-Micron Thin Metal Films: Oliver Kraft, *University of Karlsruhe, Germany*

Influence of Notches and Surface Condition

Effects of Shot Peening Treatment on Very High Cycle Fatigue Property in Austempered Ductile Iron: Yasuo Ochi, Kiyotaka Masaki, Takashi Matsumura, *University of Electro-Communications, Japan*

Effects of Notch and Dynamic Strain Aging on Very High Cycle Fatigue Properties of Austenitic Stainless Steel at an Elevated Temperature: Kenji Kanazawa, *Chuo University, Japan*

Influence of Macroscopic and Microscopic Notch Effects on the VHCF-Behavior of a Precipitation-Hardened Aluminium Alloy: Martina Zimmermann, Hans-Juergen Christ, *University of Siegen, Germany*

Gigacycle Fatigue Behavior of Cold Forging Die Steels: Ryuichiro Ebara, Hideki Kobayashi, Atsushi Ogura, Yasuyuki Kondo, Shinichi Hamaya, *Hiroshima Institute of Technology, Japan*

The Nature of Two-Modal Distributions of the Fatigue Durability of Titanium Alloy VT9 in the Range of Environment Temperature 20– 500 C: Shanyavskiy Andrey, A. Yu. Potapenko, T.N. Zaharova, *State Center for Civil Aviation Flight Safety, Russia*

Effects of Surface Finishing and Tempering Temperature on Very High Cycle Fatigue Property in High Strength Steels: Takashi Matsumura, Yasuo Ochi, Kiyotaka Masaki, *University of Electro-Communications, Japan*

Effects of QPQ Treatment on Very High Cycle Fatigue of AISI 52100 Bearing Steel: Tang Li, Sriraman M. Ramanujam, Qingyuan Wang, Yongjie Liu, Zhufeng Yue, *Southwest University of Science & Technology, China*

Very High Cycle Fatigue Behavior of Two Different Aluminium Wrought Alloys: Brita Pyttel, Daniela Schwerdt, Christina Berger, *Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany*

Surface Effect on the Fatigue Behavior of Mechanical Components in Giga Cycle Regime: Emin Bayraktar, *Supmeca-Paris, France*

Impact of Modes of Vibration on Goodman Diagrams: A Case Study on Compressor Blades: Ganapathi Krishnan, Robert Tryon, Richard Holmes, *VEXTEC Corp., USA*

Very High Cycle Fatigue of Notched High Strength Steels: Hitoshi Ishii, Hiroyasu Araki, Yasuki Kudo, Tooru Yagasaki, *Shizuoka University, Japan*

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High Cycle Fatigue Fracture of Cantilevered Specimens with Several Notches: Ludmila Botvina, *Institute of Metallurgy and Material Sciences*, Russia

Super Long Life Fatigue Behaviors of Radical Nitrided High Strength Steels: Yan Nu, Wang Qingyuan, Norio Kawagoishi, *Sichuan University*, China

Very High Cycle Fatigue Strength of Bearing Steel with Notch: Yoshiaki Akiniwa, Keisuke Tanaka, *Nagoya University*, Japan

Effect of Alumite Treatment on Ultra-Long-Life Fatigue Property for Aluminum Alloy in Rotating Bending: Tatsuo Sakai, Yuki Nakamura, Hideo Hirano, *Ritsumeikan University*, Japan

The Effect of Thread Dimensional Non-Conformances on the Fatigue Performance of Threaded Fasteners: Brian Munn, *Oakland University*, USA

Ultrasonic Fatigue of Surface-Treated 316 Stainless Steel: Christopher J. Szczepanski, J. Wayne Jones, Christopher J. Torbet, Arthor Heuer, *University of Michigan*, USA

Effect of Carburizing Variables on the Fatigue Behavior of Carburized C015 Low Carbon Steel: Jamal Sultan, *Mosul Technical Institute*, Iraq

Effects of High Temperature Carburizing on Near-Surface Characteristics that Influence Rolling Contact Fatigue Performance: Mikolaj Bykowski, *Colorado School of Mines*, USA

3D Modeling of Potency for Fatigue Crack Nucleation at Primary Inclusions in Carburized and Shot Peened Gear Steels: Rajesh Prasannavenkatesan, Jixi Zhang, David L. McDowell, *Georgia Institute of Technology*, USA

Process Optimization for Pre-Stressed Fastener Holes for Enhanced High Cycle Fatigue Life: Ravindra Kulkarni, *Rashtreeya Vidyalyaya College of Engineering*, India

Optimization of C/D Ratio of Adjacent Pre-Stressed Fastener Holes in HCF Using Finite Element Analysis: Shanmukha Nagaraj, *Rashtreeya Vidyalyaya College of Engineering*, India

In-Service Very High Cycle Fatigue of Titanium Compressor Blades of Aircraft Engines: Shanyavskiy Andrey, A. Yu. Potapenko, *State Center for Civil Aviation Flight Safety*, Russia

Photo Elastic Stress Measurement on Pre-Stressed Fastener Holes for Improved High Cycle Fatigue Performance: Srinivasa Sharma, *Rashtreeya Vidyalyaya College of Engineering*, India

Microstructure-Sensitive Notch Root Analysis for Ni-Base Superalloys:

Yustianto Tjiptowidjojo, Mahesh Shenoy, Craig Przybyla, David McDowell,
Georgia Institute of Technology, USA

Influence of Environment and Temperature

Effects of Hydrogen on High Cycle Fatigue: Yukitaka Murakami, *Kyushu University, Japan*

Ultra High Cycle Fatigue Behavior of a Ti6246 Alloy in Air and in High Vacuum: Jean Petit, Christine Sarrzin-Baudoux, Sylvain Potiron, Stefanie Tschegg, Herwig Mayer,
ENSMA/CNRS, France

Modeling Environment Sensitive Fatigue at Low Growth Rates: Richard Gangloff,
University of Virginia, USA

Effect of Frequency and Environment on High Cycle Fatigue of Cast Aluminum Alloys: Carlos Engler, Robert Frisch, John Lasecki, Herwig Mayer, John Allison, *Ford Motor Company, USA*

Failure Mechanisms of Ultra High Cycle Fatigue in Engineering Materials: Peter K. Liaw, H. Tian, M.J. Kirkham, L. Jiang, B. Yang, Gongyao Wang, *The University of Tennessee, USA*

Very High Cycle Fatigue Behavior of Nickel-Base Superalloy René 88DT at Elevated Temperature: Jiashi Miao, Tresa M. Pollock, J. Wayne Jones, *University of Michigan, USA*

Very High Cycle Fatigue of a Single Crystal Nickel-Based Superalloy at Elevated Temperature: Jianzhang Yi, Tresa Pollock, J. Wayne Jones, Joseph Rigney, P.K. Wright,
University of Michigan, USA

Fracture Mechanism in High Cycle Fatigue of Inconel 718 at Elevated Temperatures: Qiang Chen, Norio Kawagoishi, Masahiro Goto, Qingyuan Wang, Nu Yan,
Kochi National College of Technology, Japan

Fatigue Variability of a Single Crystal at Elevated Temperature: Ryan Morrissey,
Air Force Research Laboratory, USA

Fatigue Behavior of a 319-Type Cast Aluminum Alloy in Very Long Lifetime Regime: Xiaoxia Zhu, Jianzhang Yi, J. Wayne Jones, John Allison, *University of Michigan, USA*

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Initiation Mechanisms, Surface vs. Subsurface Initiation

Fatigue Damage Evolution in Ductile Single-Phase Face-Centered Cubic Metals in the VHCF Regime: Hael Mughrabi, Stefanie Stanzl-Tschegg, *University of Erlangen*, Germany

PSB Threshold and Fatigue Limit of Polycrystalline Copper in the VHCF Regime: Stefanie Stanzl-Tschegg, *BOKU University*, Austria

Initiation in the Gigacycle Fatigue Regime: Claude Bathias, Paul C. Paris, *CNAM/ITMA*, France

Crack Initiation Mechanisms and Fatigue Lifetime of AISI 420 Steel under Constant and Variable Amplitude Loading: Bernhard Zettl, Stefanie Stanzl-Tschegg, Herwig Mayer, *BOKU University*, Austria

Very High Cycle Fatigue Behavior of the Steel with Carbide-Free Bainite/Martensite Complex Microstructure: Bingzhe Bai, Jialin Gu, *Tsinghua University*, China

Very High Cycle Fatigue of Railway Wheel Steels: Vadim Wagner, Frank Walther, Dietmar Eifler, *University of Kaiserslautern*, Germany

Crack Initiation and Propagation in a Duplex Stainless Steel during HCF and VHCF Loading: Helge Knobbe, Ulrich Krupp, Philipp Köster, Hans-Jürgen Christ, Enis Cherif, Igor Altenberger, *Universität Siegen*, Germany

Competing Failure Modes in Fatigue: K.S. Ravi Chandran, Gerald T. Cashman, *University of Utah*, USA

S-N Curve Characteristic of Bearing Steel under Axial Loading Condition in Very High Cycle Fatigue Regime: Kazuaki Shiozawa, Takayuki Hasegawa, Liantao Lu, *University of Toyama*, Japan

Gigacycle Fatigue of Precipitation Hardening Aluminum Alloys: T. Li, M.R. Sriraman, C. Wang, Q.Y. Wang, *Sichuan University*, China

Approaches to Predict the Very High Cycle Fatigue Behavior of Cast Aluminum Alloys: Qigui Wang, *General Motors Corp.*, USA

Strength Level Dependence of Very High Cycle Fatigue Property in Interior Inclusion-Induced Fracture for Bearing Steel in Rotating Bending: Tatsuo Sakai, Noriyasu Oguma, Hisashi Harada, *Ritsumeikan University*, Japan

Study of Fatigue Crack Growth in Gigacycle Fatigue Domain by Thermal Analysis during the Tests: D. Wagner, N. Ranc, C. Bathias, *Université Paris X- Nanterre*, France

Investigation of Microstructural Changes within White Etching Area (“Butterflies”) under Rolling Contact Fatigue (RCF) using TEM and 3D Crack Reconstruction by Focused Ion Beam (FIB): Aleksandro Grabulov, Ulrike Ziese, Henny W. Zandbergen, Delft University of Technology, *Netherlands Institute for Metals Research (NIMR)*, Netherlands

Ductile-Brittle Fracture Transion in Ultrasonic Fatigue of Nickel-Base Superalloy: Qiang Chen, Norio Kawagoishi, Qingyuan Wang, Gen Hashiguchi, Hideo Horibe, *Kochi National College of Technology*, Japan

Monitoring of the Aluminum Alloy B-95(7075)’ Alarm States are Caused by Very High Cycle Fatigue Deformation: Sezgir Shamirzaev, *PTI of AS*, Uzbekistan

Influence of Microstructure

Review and Prospects for Current Studies on Very High Cycle Fatigue of Metallic Materials for Machine Structural Use: Tatsuo Sakai, *Ritsumeikan University*, Japan

The Effect of Nonuniform Grain Size on the Fatigue Limit of Clean Material: David Davidson, *Southwest Research Institute*, USA

Role of Pre-Strain Effects on the Fatigue Behavior of Nickel-Base Alloys in the VHCF Range: Christian Stoecker, Martina Zimmermann, Hans-Juergen Christ, *University of Siegen*, Germany

A Study on Ultra-Long Life Fatigue Characteristics of Maraging Steels with/without Aging Treatment in Rotating Bending: Tatsuo Sakai, Akiyoshi Nakagawa, Ayako Uchiyama, Toshiki Ohnaka, *Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd.*, Japan

Fatigue Behavior of Pure Al with Various Grain Size in the VHCF Regime: Heinz Werner Höppel, Lilia Saitova, Mathias Göken, *Institute General Materials Properties*, Germany

Relating Gigacycle Fatigue to Other Methods in Evaluating the Inclusion Distribution of a Clean Tool Steel: Jens Ekengren, Christer Burman, Jens Bergström, *Karlstad University*, Sweden

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Evaluation of the Gigacycle Fatigue Strength, Crack Initiation and Growth in High Strength Tool Steels: Vitaliy Kazymyrovych, Jens Bergström, Christer Burman, *Karlstad University*, Sweden

The Role of Microstructure on Fatigue Lifetime Variability in a + β Ti-Alloy: Christopher Szczepanski, Sushant Jha, James Larsen, J. Jones, *University of Michigan*, USA

Influence Functions for Fatigue Microcrack Driving Force as an Efficient Alternative to Finite Element Analysis for Exploration of Microstructure-Property Relations within Very High Cycle Fatigue Regime: Nima Salajegheh, David L. McDowell, Hamid Garmestani, Rajesh Prasanna, *Georgia Institute of Technology*, USA

Life Predictions, Uncertainty and Statistical Analysis

Data Fusion and Science-Based Modeling: A Technique for Very High Cycle Fatigue Predictions: D. Harlow, *Lehigh University*, USA

An Efficient Computational Approach to Uncertainty in High Cycle Fatigue Life Caused by Variability in Microstructural Features in Alloys with Inclusions: Nima Salajegheh, David McDowell, Hamid Garmestani, Rajesh Prasanna, *Georgia Institute of Technology*, USA

Statistical Approaches Applied to Very High Cycle Fatigue: Carlos Engler, Robert Frisch, John Lasecki, John Allison, *Ford Motor Company*, USA

Small-Crack Behavior and Its Application to Fatigue Property Prediction in a Cast AS7GU Aluminum Alloy: Jianzhang Yi, Xiaoxia Zhu, J. Wayne Jones, John Allison, *University of Michigan*, USA

Probabilistic Life-Prediction in the Long Lifetime Regime: Sushant Jha, *University Technology Corporation*, USA; James Larsen, Andrew Rosenberger, *US Air Force Research Laboratory*, USA

Recent Advances in Apparatus and Instrumentation

Fatigue Damage of Low Amplitude Cycles under Variable Amplitude Loading

Condition: Herwig Mayer, *BOKU University*, Austria

A 20 KiloHertz Optical Strain Gage: William Sharpe, *Johns Hopkins University*, USA

A New High Speed (150 Hz) Rotating Bending Fatigue Test Machine:

Gonzalo Dominguez, Mauricio Guzman-Tapia, *University of Michoacan*, Mexico

New Measuring Methods for the Fatigue Assessment of Metals in the Very High Cycle

Regime: Michael Koster, Guntram Wagner, Frank Walther, Dietmar Eifler,
University of Kaiserslautern, Germany

Accrual of Small Fatigue Crack Damage in Ti-6Al-4V under Resonant Mini-Sweep

Loading: Michael Caton, Ryan Morrissey, *US Air Force*, USA

Observation of Inclusions and Defects in Steels by Micro Computed-Tomography Using Ultra Bright Synchrotron Radiation:

Yoshikazu Nakai, Daiki Shiozawa, Yasushi Morikage, Takayuki Kurimura, Hiroshi Tanaka, Hideki Okado, Takuya Miyashita,
Kobe University, Japan

Schedule of Events*

Sunday, August 19

5 p.m.	Registration Opens
6 to 7:30 p.m.	Welcoming Reception at Rackham Graduate School Building

Monday, August 20

7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Morning Session
10:15 to 10:45 a.m.	Networking Break and Poster Viewing
12:30 to 2 p.m.	Lunch Break
2 to 6 p.m.	Afternoon Session
3:45 to 4:15 p.m.	Networking Break and Poster Viewing
8:30 to 10 p.m.	Poster Reception

Tuesday, August 21

7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Morning Session
10:15 to 10:45 a.m.	Networking Break and Poster Viewing
12:30 to 2 p.m.	Lunch Break
2 to 6 p.m.	Afternoon Session
3:45 to 4:15 p.m.	Networking Break and Poster Viewing
6:15 p.m.	Buses Depart for Conference Dinner
7 to 10 p.m.	Conference Dinner at Henry Ford Museum

Wednesday, August 22

7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Morning Session
10:15 to 10:45 a.m.	Networking Break and Poster Viewing
12:30 to 2 p.m.	Lunch Break
2 to 6 p.m.	Afternoon Session
3:45 to 4:15 p.m.	Networking Break and Poster Viewing

Thursday, August 23

8:15 a.m.	Ford Rouge Factory Tour (optional)
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*Schedule is preliminary and subject to change.

Networking and Social Events

Welcoming Reception

Sunday, August 19 6 p.m.
Rackham Graduate School Building

Conference Dinner

Tuesday, August 21 7 p.m.
Henry Ford Museum

About the Henry Ford Museum

Henry Ford created the “Model T” car, which changed the world by making drivers of us all. The museum boasts itself as “America’s Greatest History Attraction.” Must-see artifacts include the Lincoln Chair, Kennedy Presidential Limousine, Rosa Parks Bus, Allegheny Locomotive, Marshmallow Sofa, and Dymaxion House. The museum’s entrance houses a clock tower, more than 75 years old but still accurate to within one second a month.

Dinner Schedule

6:15 p.m. Buses Depart University
7 p.m. Reception
7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Buffet Dinner
Immediately Following Strolling Dessert Served. Attendees may tour museum at their leisure.
10 p.m. Buses Depart for Hotels

Tickets for guests may be purchased on the registration form or on-site.

Networking Breaks

Monday, August 20-Wednesday, August 22 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

These breaks provide opportunities for networking with colleagues from around the globe, as well as viewing and discussing the technical posters.

Ford Rouge Factory Tour*

Thursday, August 23 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
\$35 per person

Includes

- Driving tour of historic auto-related landmarks and behind-the-scenes of the Rouge complex;
- Look at the history of the Rouge through historic video footage;
- Virtual reality theatre experience;
- Walking tour of the factory’s “living roof”;
- Walking tour above the actual final assembly area where Ford F-150s are made.

For more details regarding this tour, visit <http://www.thehenryford.org/rouge/tour.asp>.

Tour Schedule

8:15 a.m. Tour Bus Departs Rackham Building
12:30 p.m. Tour Bus Returns to Rackham Building

Register for the tour via the registration form in this brochure or online at www.tms.org/meetings/specialty/VHCF

*TMS reserves the right to cancel the tour by July 19, 2007, due to lack of participation. If TMS cancels the tour, tour registration fees will be refunded.

Proceedings and Publications

Proceedings

Proceedings will be published as a softcover book and CD-ROM set. Each full conference registrant will receive a **free** copy of the proceedings set on-site. The proceedings set will also be on sale to students and others in advance on the registration form for \$121 (shipping and handling included).

Paper Publication

Authors should review the online instructions for paper preparation at www.tms.org/pubs/Publications.html. There is an eight-page limit for manuscripts. First drafts are due before May 4, 2007.

Organizing Committee

- ~ Dr. John E. Allison, *Ford Research and Advanced Engineering*
- ~ Professor J. Wayne Jones, *University of Michigan*
- ~ Dr. James M. Larsen, *U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory*
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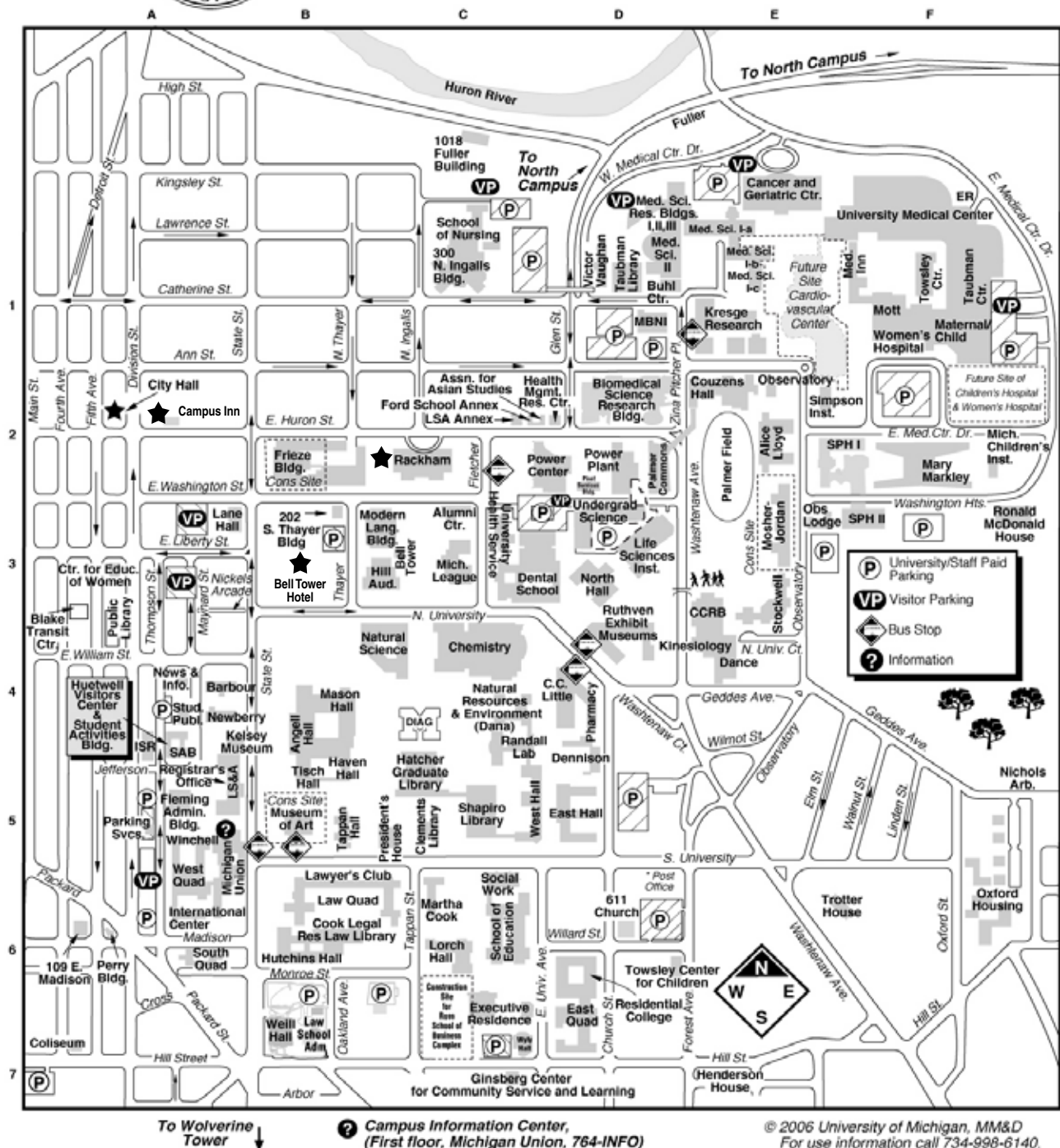
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About the Location



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Reserve your room before July 18 to secure conference rates!

The Dahlman Campus Inn Single Room Rate: \$146 Double Room Rate: \$170

A full-service hotel in downtown Ann Arbor, this inn features guest rooms and a business center. Wireless Internet is available on main floors and direct high-speed Internet is available in all rooms. Amenities include outdoor pool, saunas, fitness center and gift shop. Dining is available at Victors Restaurant.

For Reservations: Telephone (800) 666-8693 or complete the reservation form on the next page. Reference meeting code 6803 to receive conference rates.

Bell Tower Hotel Single Room Rate: \$146 Double Room Rate: \$170

The Bell Tower Hotel is adjacent to the university campus. Hotel guests receive complimentary parking and continental breakfast. Amenities include use of the university's fitness facilities. Dining is available at the Earle Uptown Restaurant.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Single: \$146 <input type="checkbox"/> Double: \$170	The Dahlman Campus Inn	<input type="checkbox"/> Single: \$146 <input type="checkbox"/> Double: \$170	Bell Tower Hotel
Room Tax: 8%	615 East Huron Street	Room Tax: 8%	300 South Thayer Street
Reservation Code: 6803	Ann Arbor, MI 48104	Reservation Code: 2815	Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Check-in: 4 p.m. Check-out: 11 a.m.	Fax: (734) 769-6222	Check-in: 4 p.m. Check-out: noon	Fax: (734) 769-4339

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Requests for reservation dates prior to and after the conference will be accepted on a space-available basis only.

Register by July 19 to save \$50 off the on-site rates.

	Advance <i>Through July 19</i>	On-site <i>After July 19</i>
Full Conference	\$425	\$475
Student	\$150	\$200

Full Conference Registration Includes

- Technical Sessions
- Welcoming Reception
- Conference Dinner at Henry Ford Museum
- Proceedings CD-ROM

Student Registration Includes

- Technical Sessions
- Welcoming Reception
- Conference Dinner at Henry Ford Museum

Register online at www.tms.org/meetings/specialty/VHCF or complete the enclosed registration form.

For Our International Attendees

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August 19 - 22, 2007
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA

Advance Registration Deadline: July 19, 2007
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(Forms received past the deadline will be processed at the on-site fee.
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	Advance Fees (Through July 19)	On-Site Fees (After July 19)
Full Conference*	\$425	\$475
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Thursday, August 23, 8 a.m.	\$35	_____	_____

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