

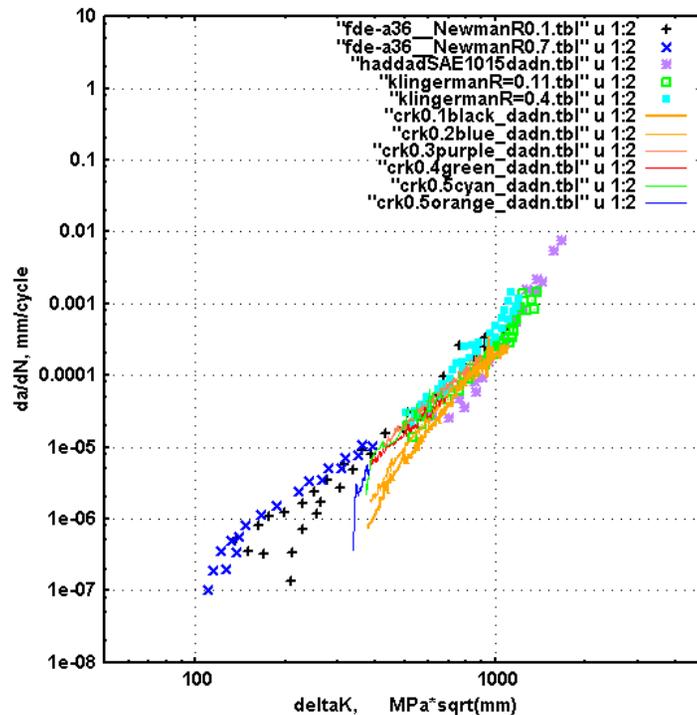
# Univ. of Waterloo Crack Propagation da/dN Curve Collection for Steels

## Presentation

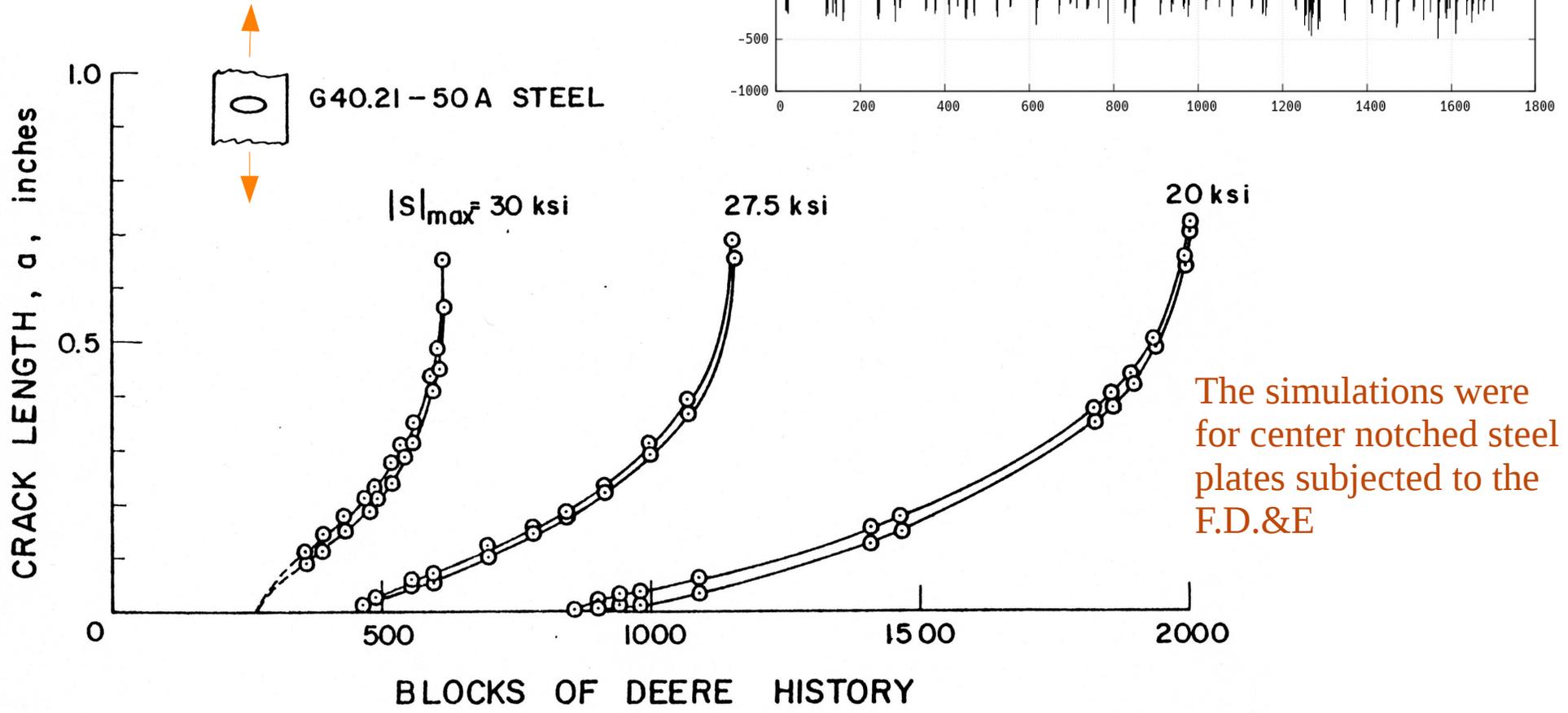
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Annotations have  
been added for Internet  
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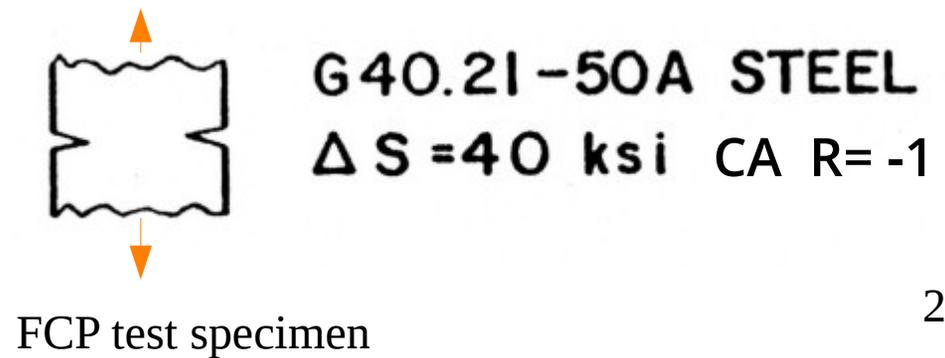
In 2018 we were developing some open-source crack propagation(FCP) models to add new capabilities. As a check the new models were used to simulate some existing center notched specimen test results

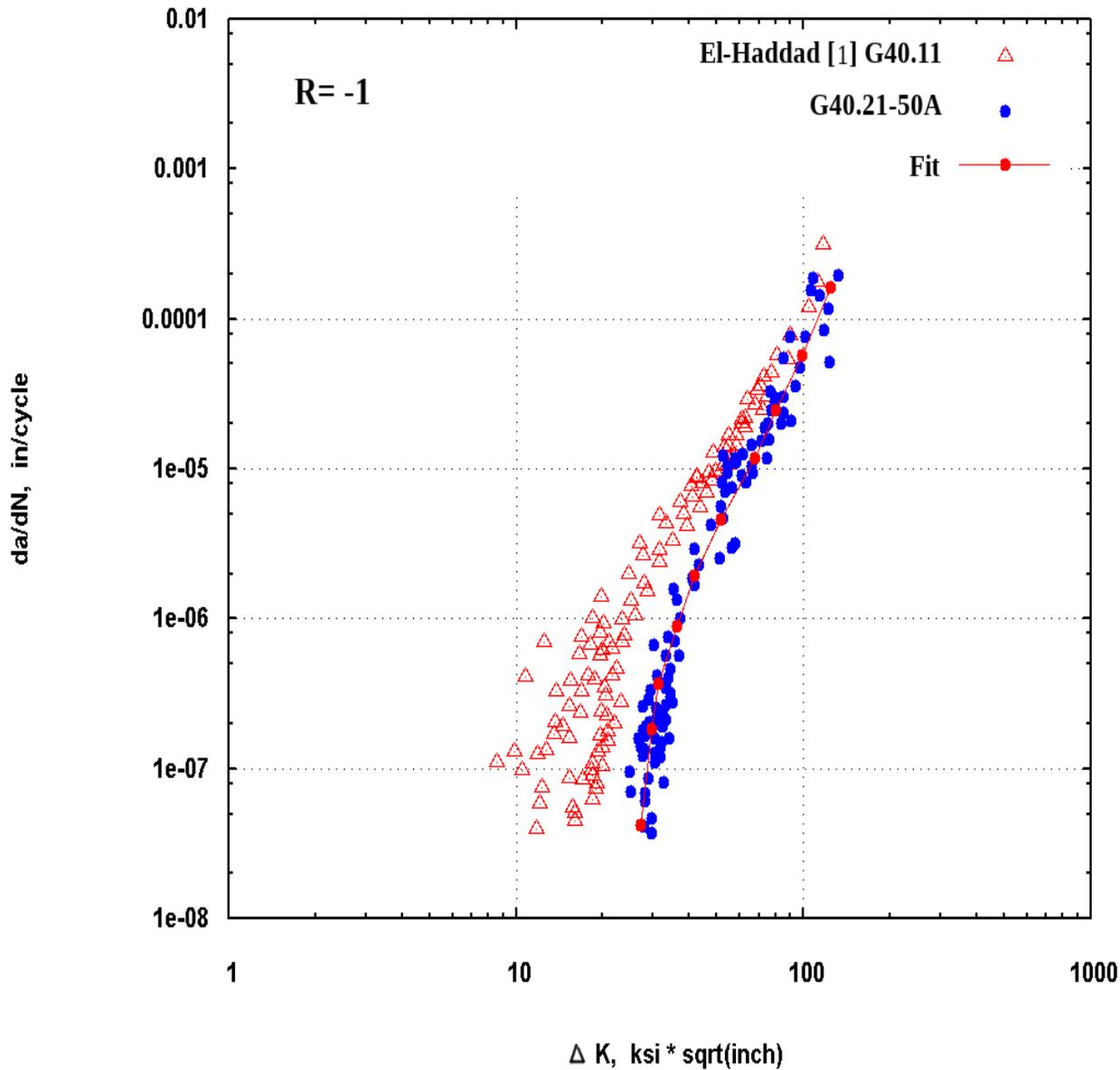


The simulations were for center notched steel plates subjected to the F.D.&E

Fig. 56 Observed Crack Propagation Behaviour During Deere Loading History Fatigue (Central Notched Plate,  $K_t=4.6$ ) F.A.Conle PhD thesis

The  $da/dN$  curve was measured from a double notched plate specimen. (circa. 1978)

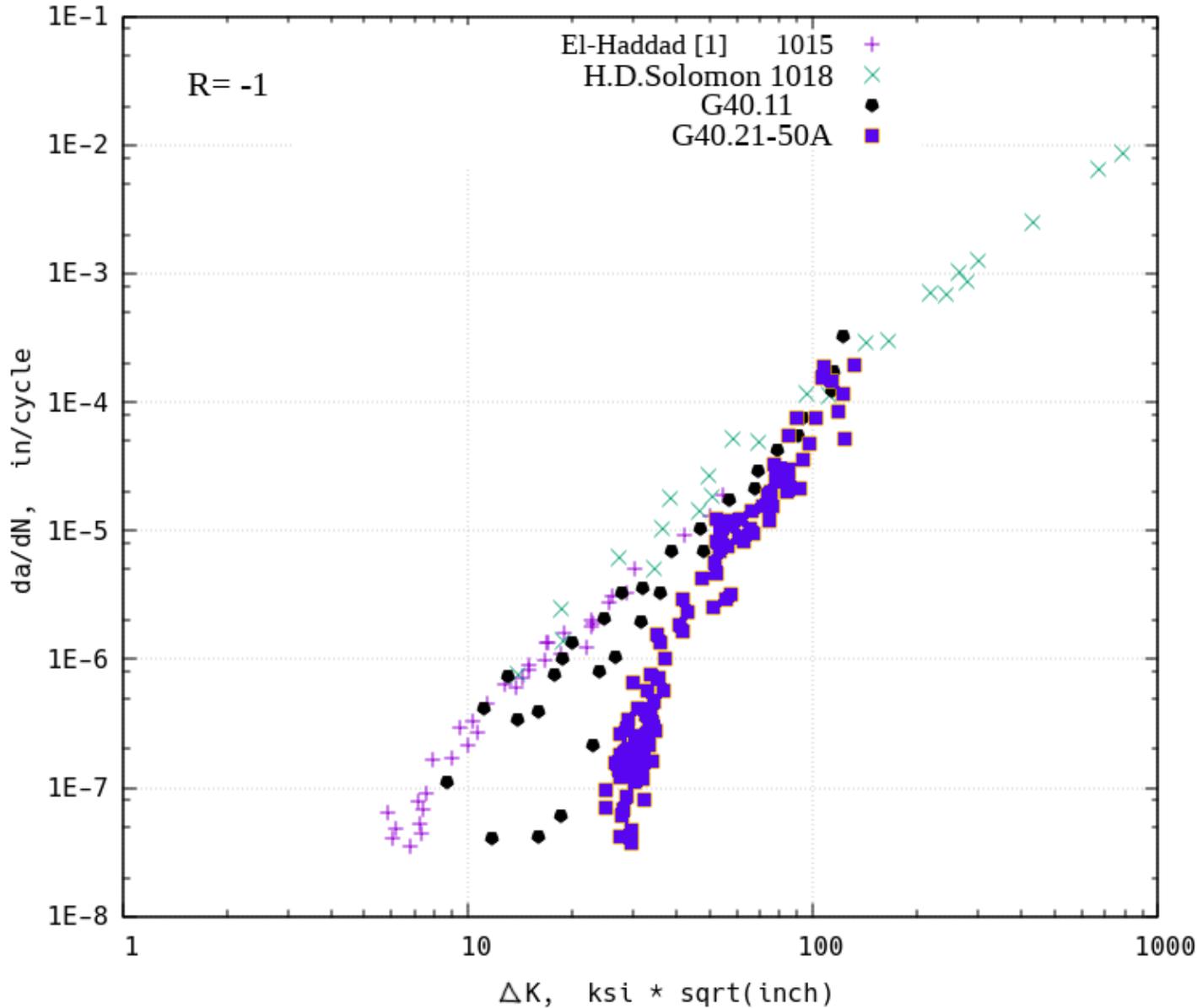




We decided to add in El-Haddad's older data set for a very similar material (shown in red)

The double edge notched data (shown in blue) did not coincide with the older data. Quite odd.

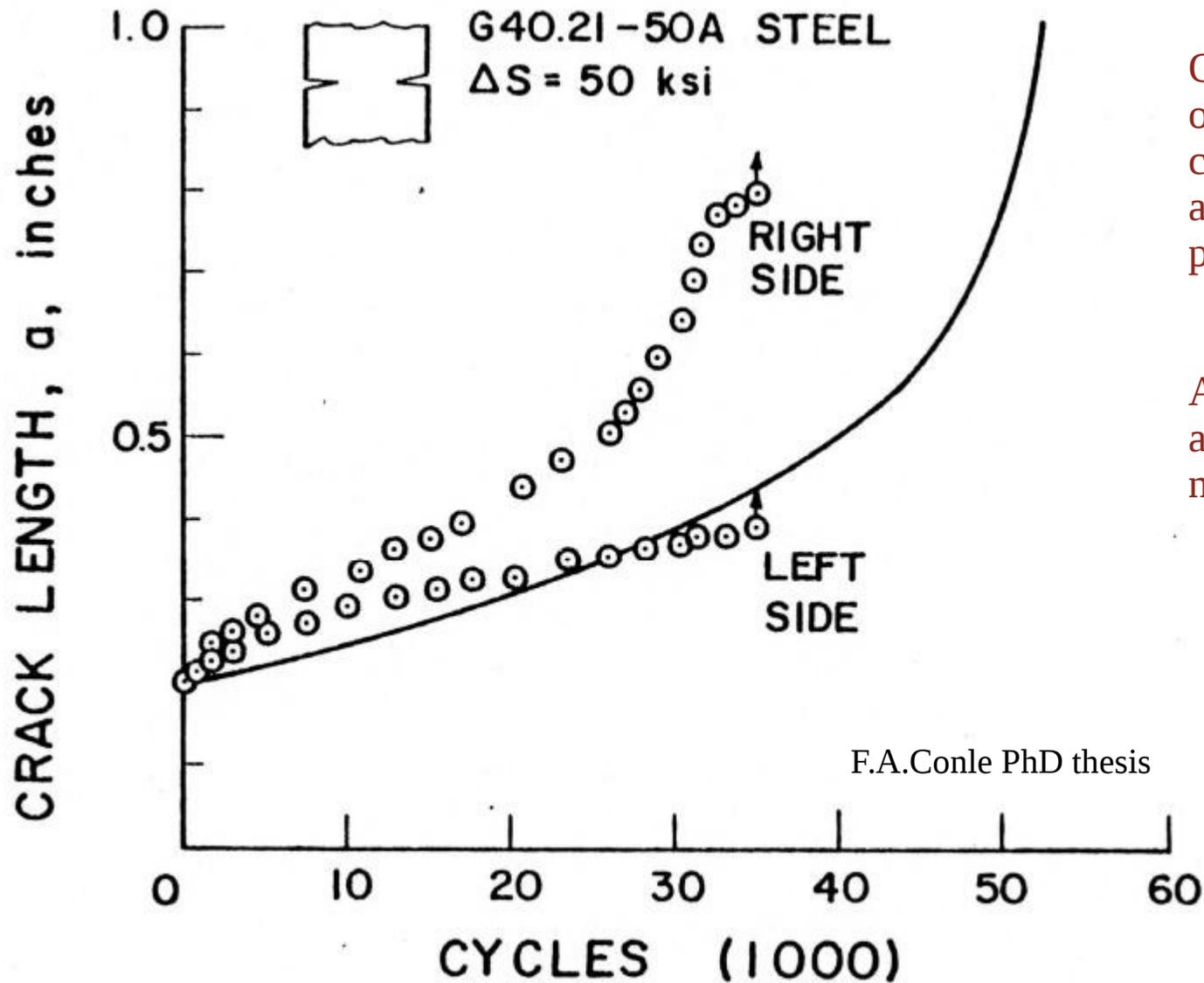
So as with any engineering problem faced with uncertainty:  
 Add more data. (next slide)



Adding R=-1 data from similar materials did not help validate the double sided notched plate data.

We decided that there was just something wrong with the double sided notched plate data. Cause unknown.

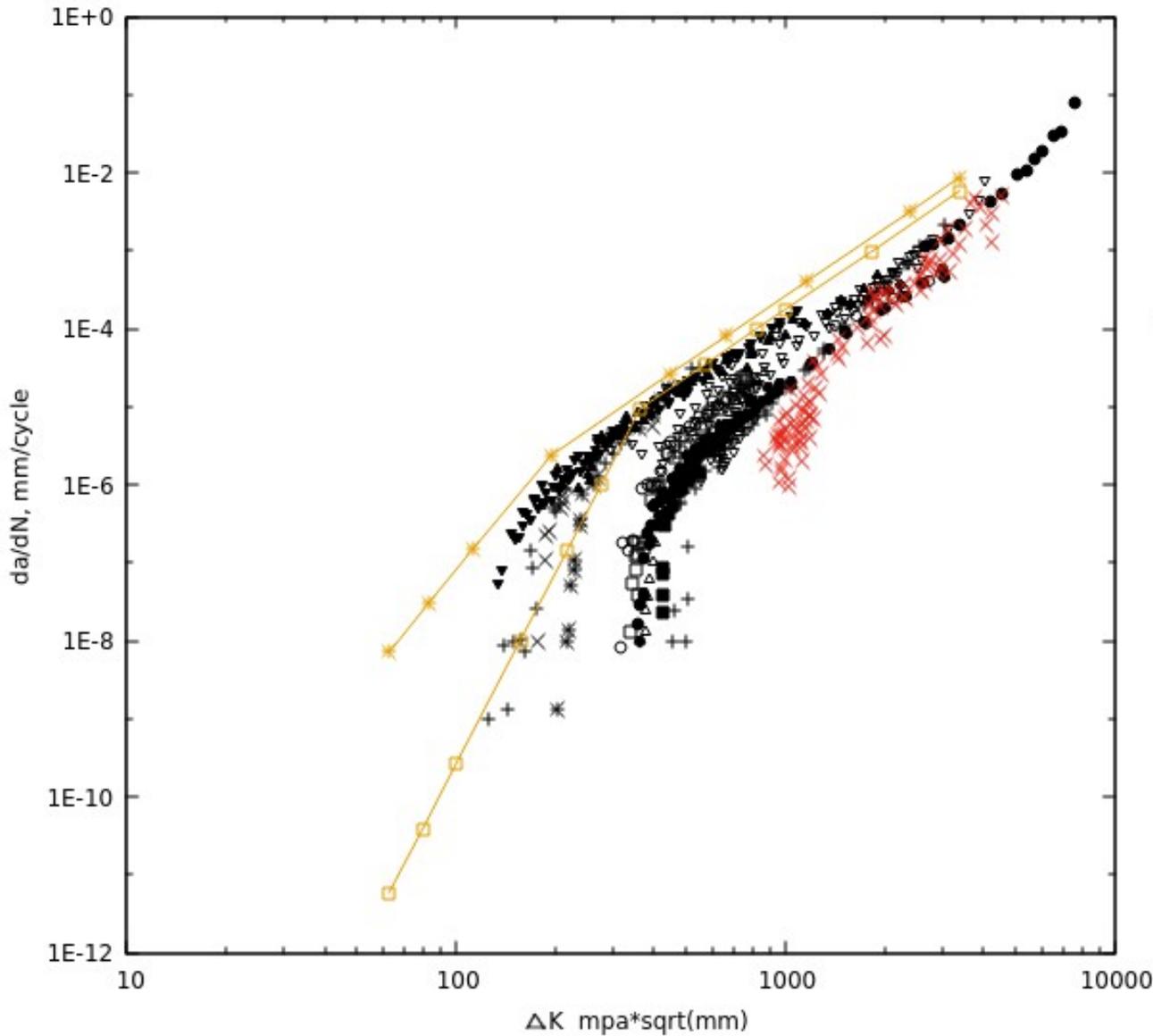
The red data from previous slide is outlined here with black points



One possible cause is that one of the double sided cracks tends to “take over” and dominate the cracking process.

At this point we decided to abandon the double sided notched plate  $da/dN$  data.

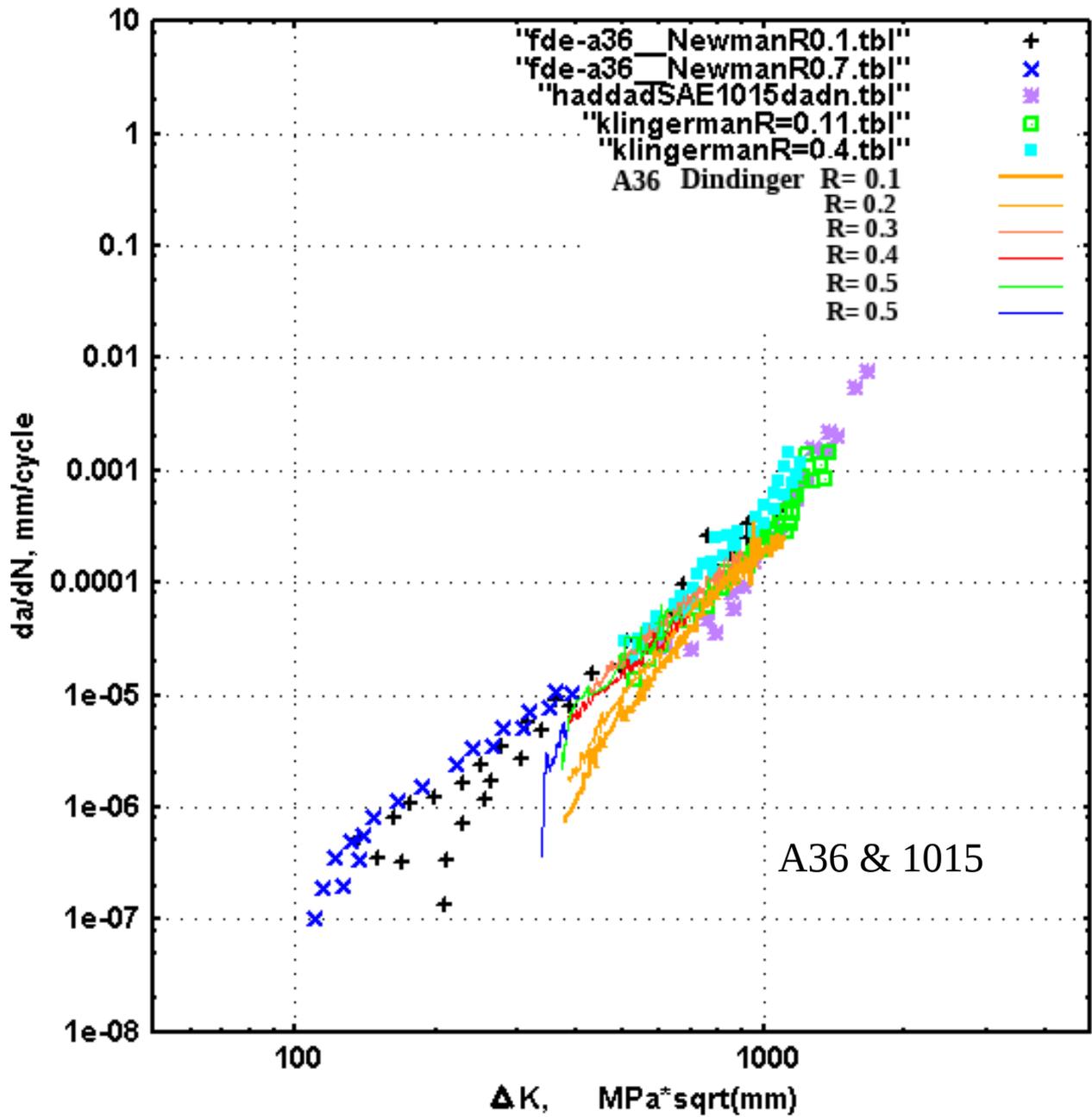
Steels R= -1 to -0.5



'nakaiS20CmatIA_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	+
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'nakaiS20CmatIC_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	*
'ohtaHT80_R=-0.5_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	□
'ohtaHT80_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	■
'ohtaSM58Q_R=-0.5_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	○
'ohtaSM58Q_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	●
'pippanARMCO_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	△
'haddad1015_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	▲
'haddadG40.11_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	▼
'klesnilMat4_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	▽
'crooker9Ni4Co0.25C_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	●
'matsuokaA553_R=-0.5_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	◆
'matsuokaA553_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	○
'nrim46-SPV50-BM_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	●
'nrim41-SB42-BM_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	+
'haddadG40.21_R=-1_mpa.dadn'	u 1:2	×
'bs7910plotStgA+BwR.ge.0.5.csv'	u 1:2	—*
'bs7910plotStgA+BwR.lt.0.5.csv'	u 1:2	—□

We decided to use El-Haddad's older material  $da/dN$  data, and we added in some more data from similar materials.

The plot also shows design guideline  $da/dN$  lines from BS 7910 [2]

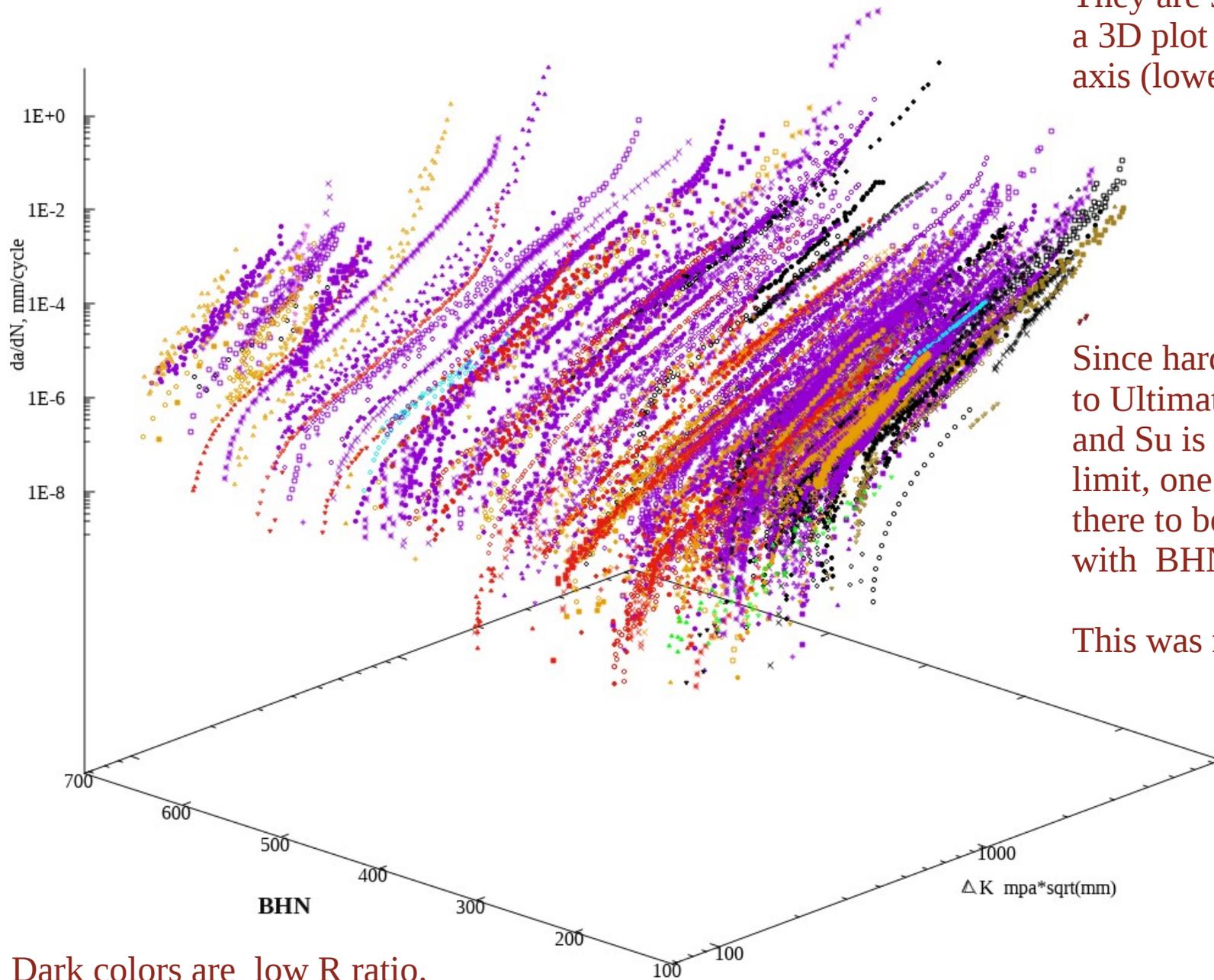


Also available were data sets for ASTM A36 steel, and SAE1015.

All this proved sufficient for our first set simulations, but there were other research objectives too, and as so often happens: “one thing leads to another”

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We now have about 450 sets of da/dN curves. They are shown here in a 3D plot where the 3rd axis (lower left) is hardness.

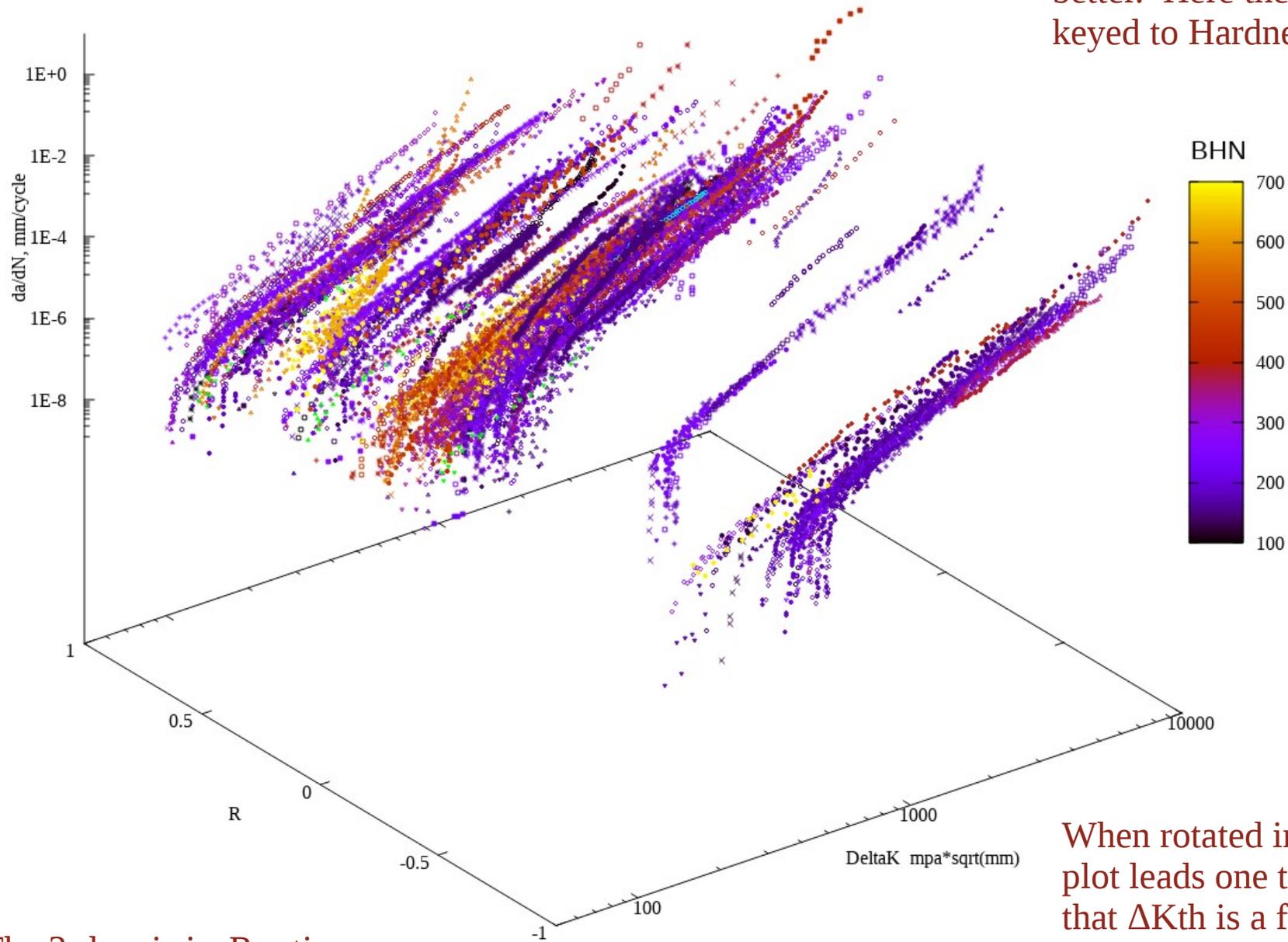


Since hardness is related to Ultimate Strength (Su) and Su is related to fatigue limit, one would expect there to be some correlation with BHN.

This was not the case.

Dark colors are low R ratio.  
Light colors (red, gold, yellow are higher R ratio)

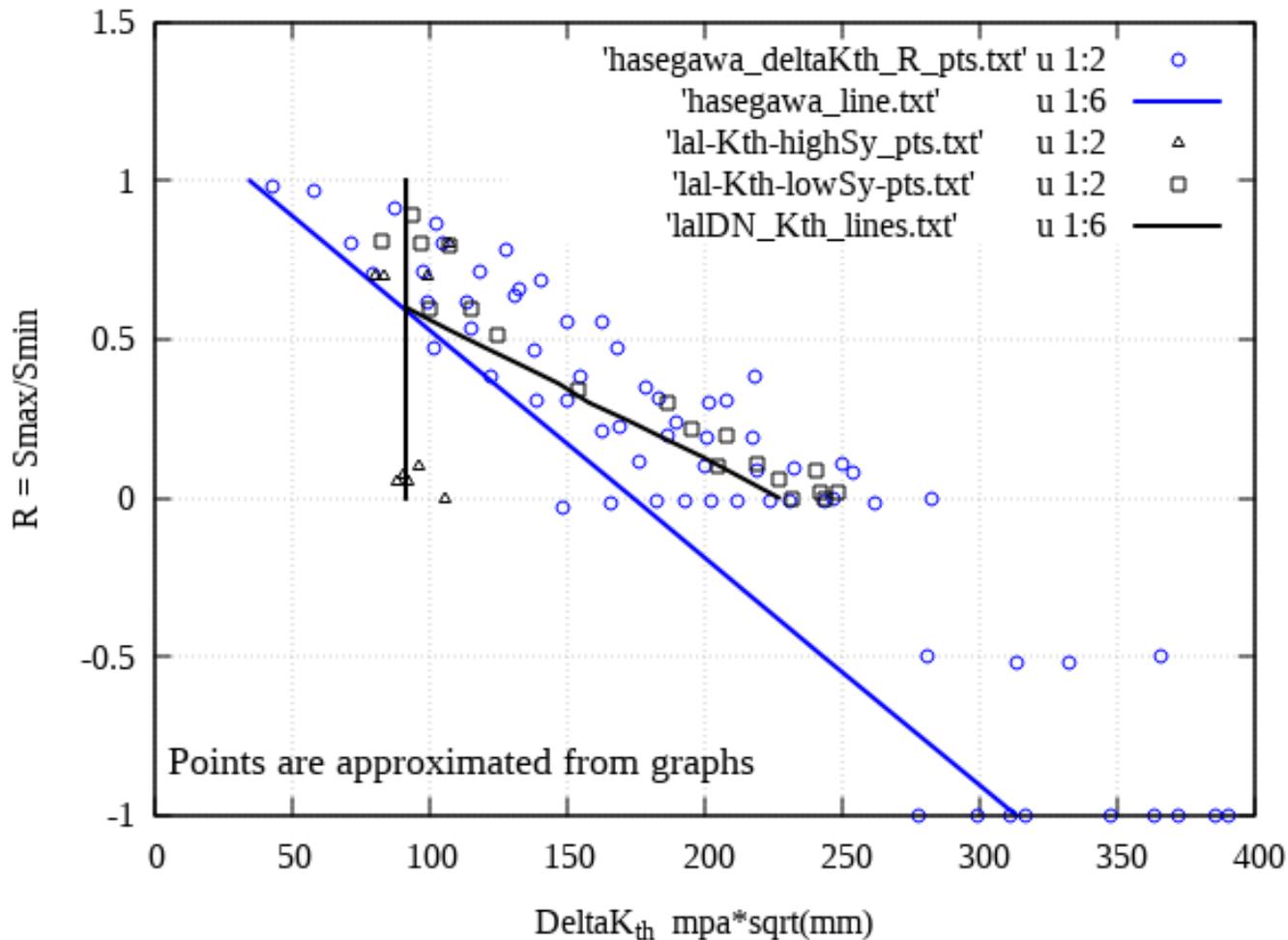
A sort by R ratio looks much better. Here the colors are keyed to Hardness



The 3rd axis is R ratio

When rotated in 3D this plot leads one to conclude that  $\Delta K_{th}$  is a function of R ratio.

Hasegawa et al[6], and D.N.Lal[7]



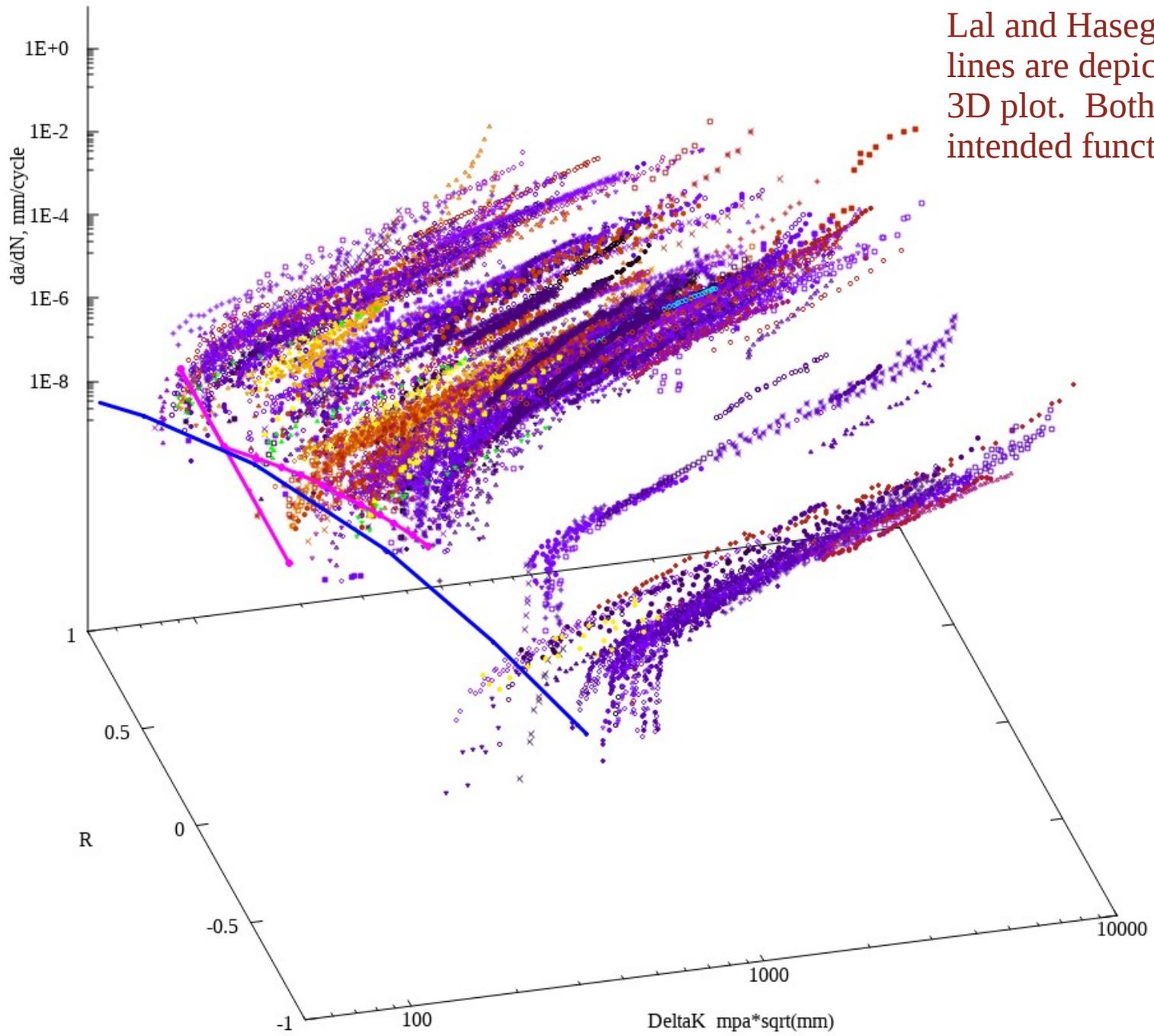
Barsom, Lal, and recently Hasegawa have shown that  $\Delta K_{th}$  is a function of R ratio.

In this plot Lal's black diagonal line (and black points) are for lower strength steels. His vertical line (and points) are for high strength steels.

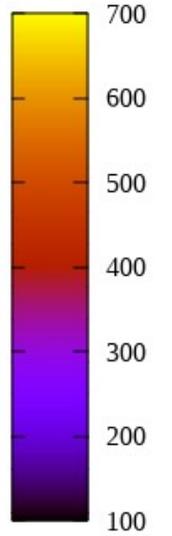
Hasegawa et al's points (blue) are for lower strength steels. His blue diagonal line is the lower limit of these points.

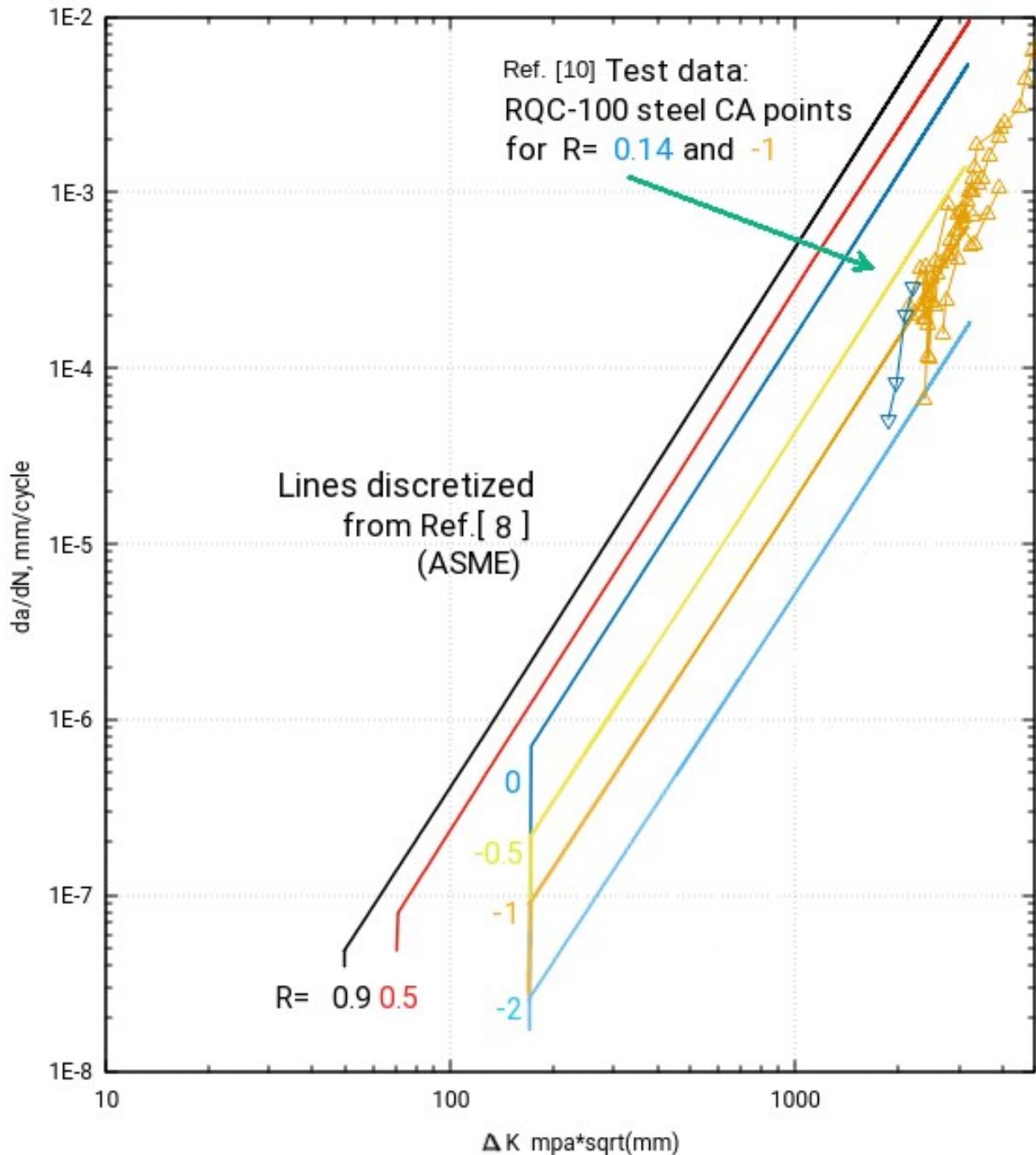
Both Lal and Hasegawa lines are plotted in the next slide.

Incidentally: K. Hasegawa serves on the ASME committee that defines the  $da/dN$  lines for pressure vessel steels. His papers are very informative and recommended references.



Lal and Hasegawa  $\Delta K_{th}$  lines are depicted in this 3D plot. Both serve their intended function well.





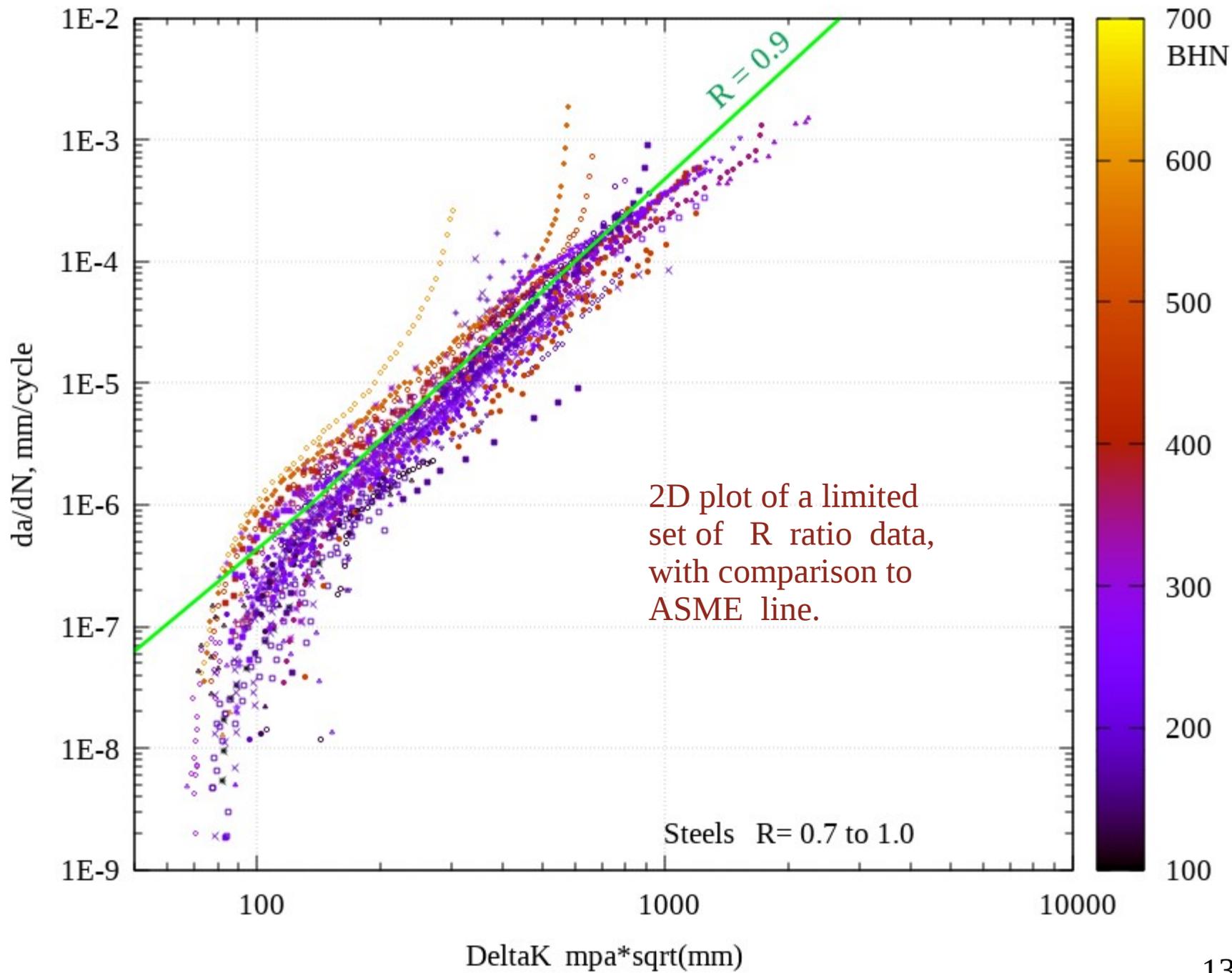
ASME specifies a set of functions to relate  $da/dN$  to  $\Delta K$ . The lines in this plot are digitized from [8] and show typical lines one would need for FCP design or simulations

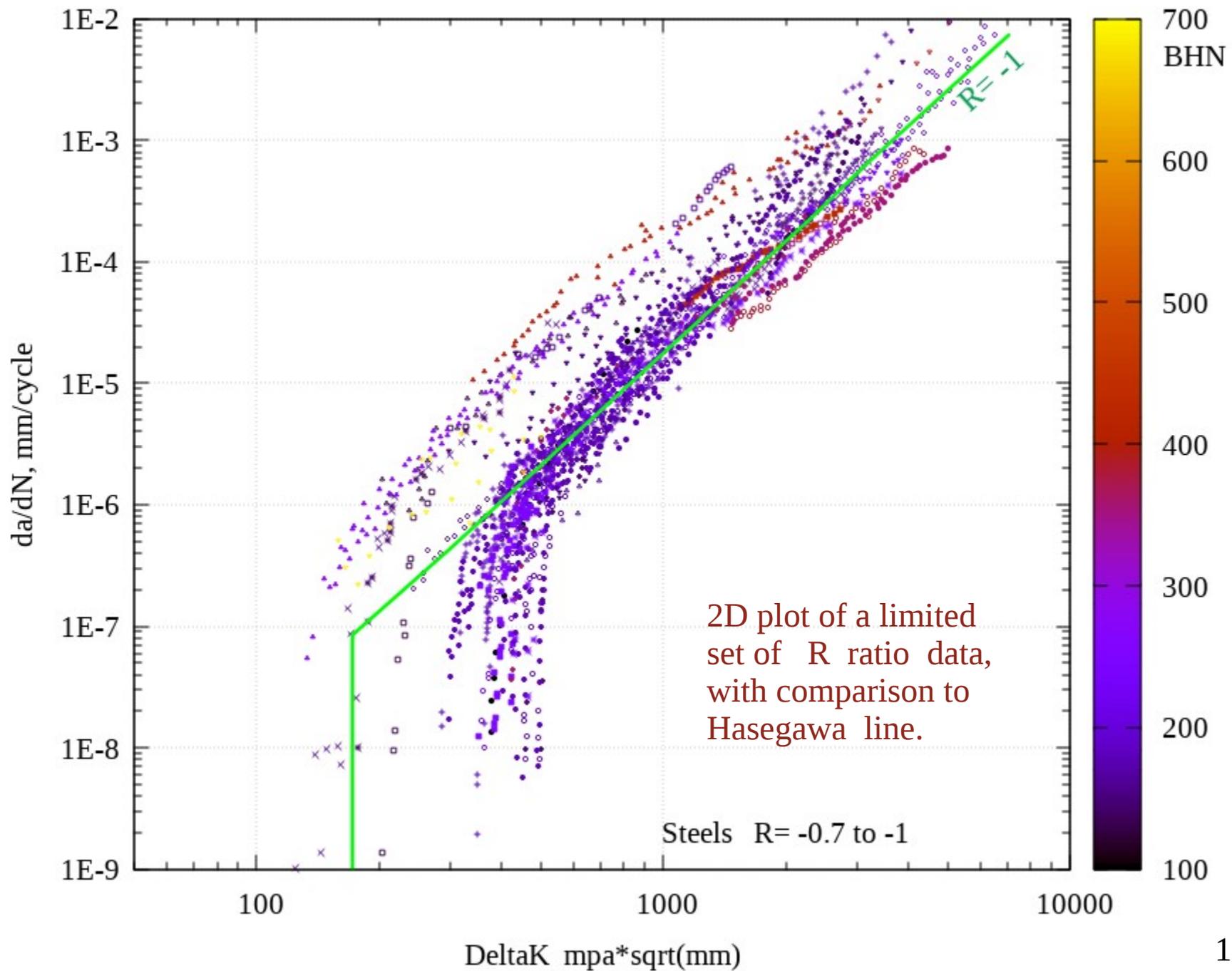
The data points at the top are from a 1972 F.D.&E. comm. Round Robin work. (see last slide).

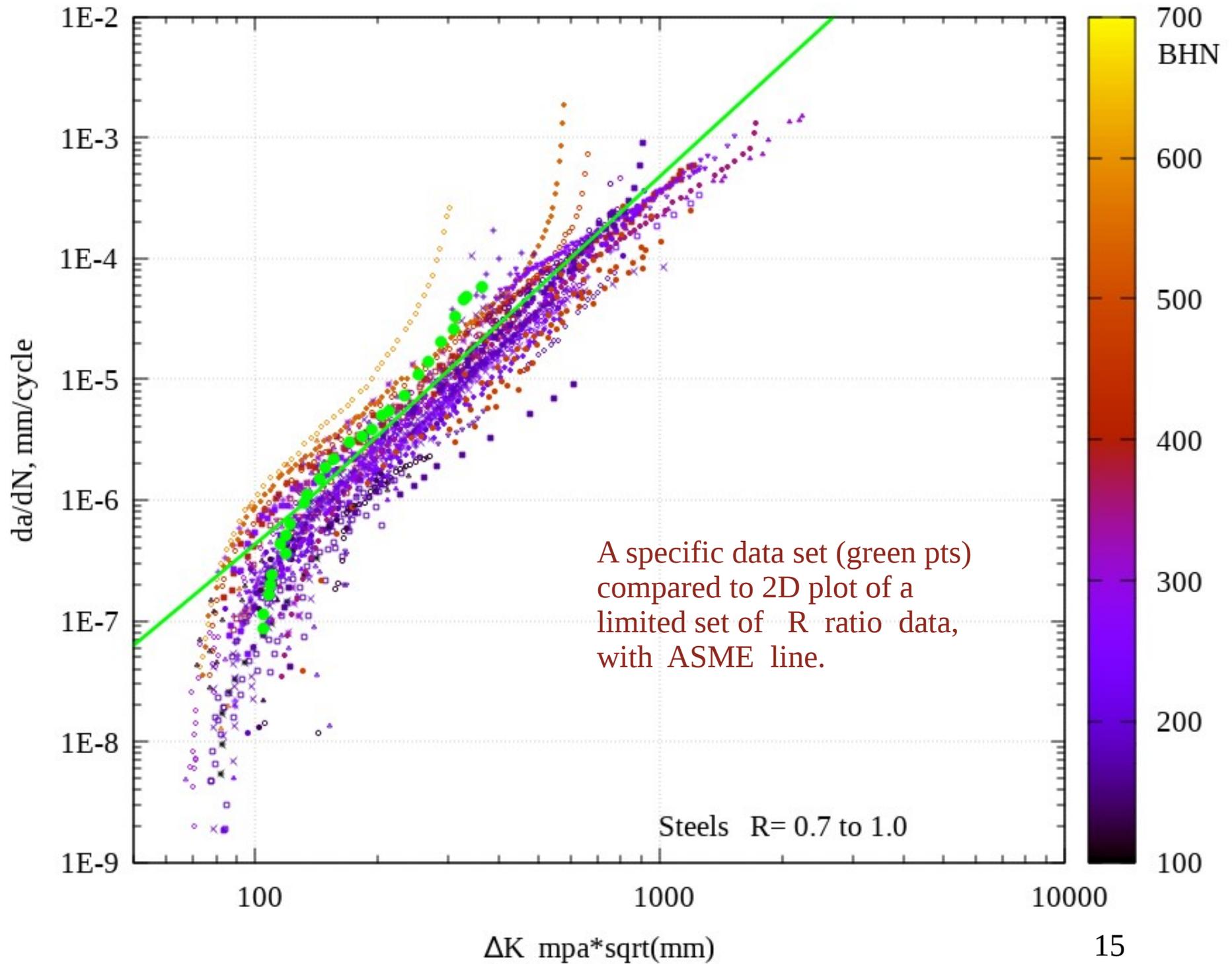
If the previous 3D plots can be described as the “forest” of  $da/dN$  curves, then when one is given a particular single set of  $da/dN$  data, one can compare this “tree” to the forest of lines.

Such a comparison is better displayed in a 2D plot however.

as in next slides







## Summary:

1. Having a data base for  $da/dN$  curves is useful when checking a new or old single data set.
2. Our data plots are similar to the ASME lines and to the thresholds proposed by Hasegawa et al.
3. We will place our data collection plots on the web with an option for a student, or any other researcher, to check a specific  $da/dN$  curve against the “Forest” of available  $da/dN$  curves.

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## Sample Data file Format

```
# S355JR steel plate BaseMetal f=30hz R-0.1
# Equiv.: ASTM A572, CDN 350W
# CT spec. 87.5x84x15mm W=70mm, crack length via optical micros.
# Chem.: Nominal BM:Max Values! 0.24C 1.50Mn .55Si .040P
# Chem.: .040S .012N .55Cu
# Ref.: M,Benedetti1 V.Fontanari L.Battisti, "Structural health
# Ref.: monitoring of wind towers: residual fatigue life
# Ref.: estimation," Smart Materials and Structures, V22, N4 Mar.2013
# Paper also contains data for weld metal and for HAZ
# Observed: "Apparently, the cracks initiated in the HAZ spontaneously
# tend to propagate outside the HAZ towards the BM."
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#Sy= 380 mpa
#Su= 560 = 81.2 ksi
#BHN= 169 converted from Su
#%Elongation= 30 % total
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## convert2MPa_mm vers. 1.7 starts...
#OriginalName= benedetti-S355JR_BM_R=0.1raw
#Got Original #dadnunits= m
#Got Original #deltaKunits= mpa_m
## 1 ksi*sqrt(inch) = 34.7485 Mpa*sqrt(mm)
## 1 ksi*sqrt(inch) = 1.0989 MPa*sqrt(m)
## 1 MPa*sqrt(m) = 31.6228 N/(mm**(3/2))
## 1 MPa*sqrt(mm) = 1 N/(mm**(3/2))
## 1 MN*m**(-3/2) = 31.6228 Mpa*sqrt(mm)
## 1 kg*(mm^(-3/2)) = 9.80665 MPa*sqrt(mm)
#All inputs converted to MPa*sqrt(mm) and mm/cycle
#Note that this is same as N/(mm**(3/2)) and mm/cycle
#deltaKunits= mpa_mm
#dadnUnits= mm
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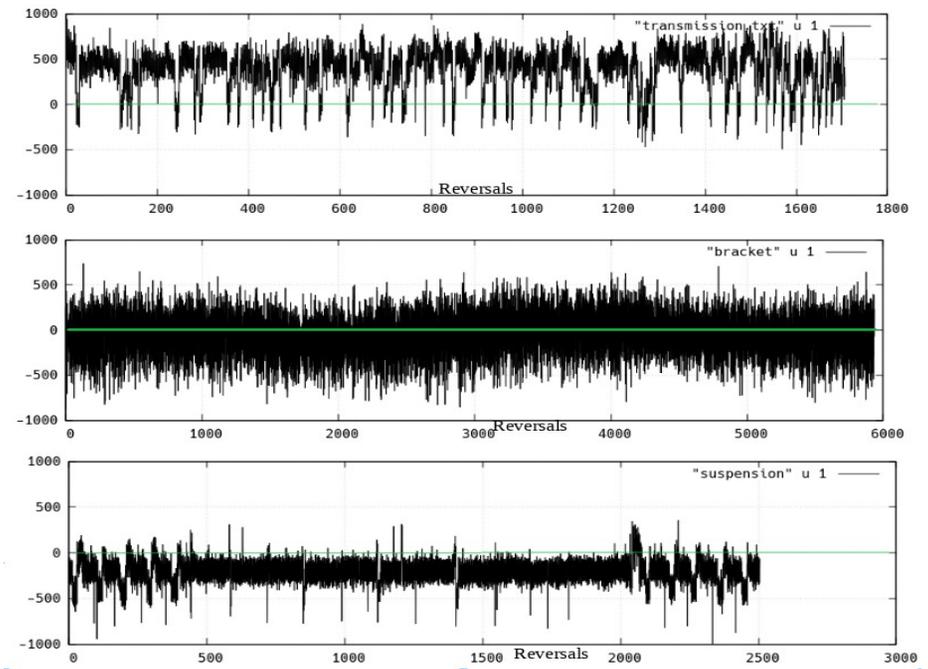
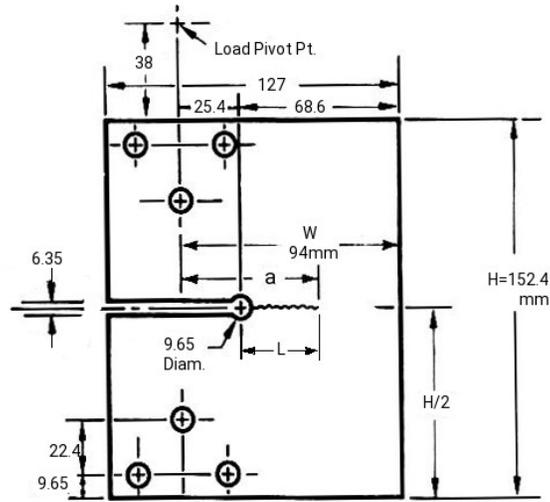
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## MPa*sqrt(mm) mm/Cycle BHN Su Sy R Hz
324. 0.3027E-06 169 560 380 0.1 30
325. 0.1114E-05 169 560 380 0.1 30
327. 0.1485E-05 169 560 380 0.1 30
329. 0.1349E-05 169 560 380 0.1 30
331. 0.1703E-05 169 560 380 0.1 30
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1019. 0.3086E-03 169 560 380 0.1 30
1318. 0.5949E-03 169 560 380 0.1 30
1620. 0.8260E-03 169 560 380 0.1 30
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## Sample Gnuplot Script

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set logscale x
set logscale z
set key outside
set xrange [50:10000]
set yrange [-1:1.0]
set zrange [*:~]
set format z '%.0tE%+T'
set xlabel "{/Symbol D}K mpa*sqrt(mm)"
set ylabel "R"
set zlabel "da/dN, mm/cycle" rotate by 90
unset key
set pointsize 0.6
set colorbox default
set cbrange [100:700]
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set palette #This will reset to default
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set view 64, 322, 1, 1.4
splot 'barsom12Ni_R=0.1_mpa.dadn' u 1:6:2:3 w p lc palette , \
'barsom12Ni_R=0.2_mpa.dadn' u 1:6:2:3 w p lc palette , \
...etc
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<https://fde.uwaterloo.ca/Fde/Loads/Keyhole/keyhole.html>

<https://fde.uwaterloo.ca/Fde/Loads/Keyhole/keyholeSpec.Histories.pdf>

ManTen Suspension History

