

FRACTURE MECHANICS
MATERIALS DATA BASE FOR USE IN CRBR PIPING
INTEGRITY ANALYSES

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● PURPOSE

- TO ILLUSTRATE HOW FRACTURE MECHANICS DATA CONFIRM THE BEHAVIOR/FAILURE CHARACTERISTICS EXHIBITED IN CONVENTIONAL MATERIAL DESIGN DATA BASE.

● SCOPE

- BASED UPON CRBRP PIPING INTEGRITY STUDIES.
- INCLUDES EFFECTS SUCH AS WELDMENTS, AGING, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS, METALLURGICAL VARIABLES.

● CONCLUSION

- AVAILABLE DATA IS ADEQUATE FOR SAFE RELIABLE DESIGN OF CRBRP ELEVATED TEMPERATURE COMPONENTS FOR 30 YEAR PLANT LIFE.

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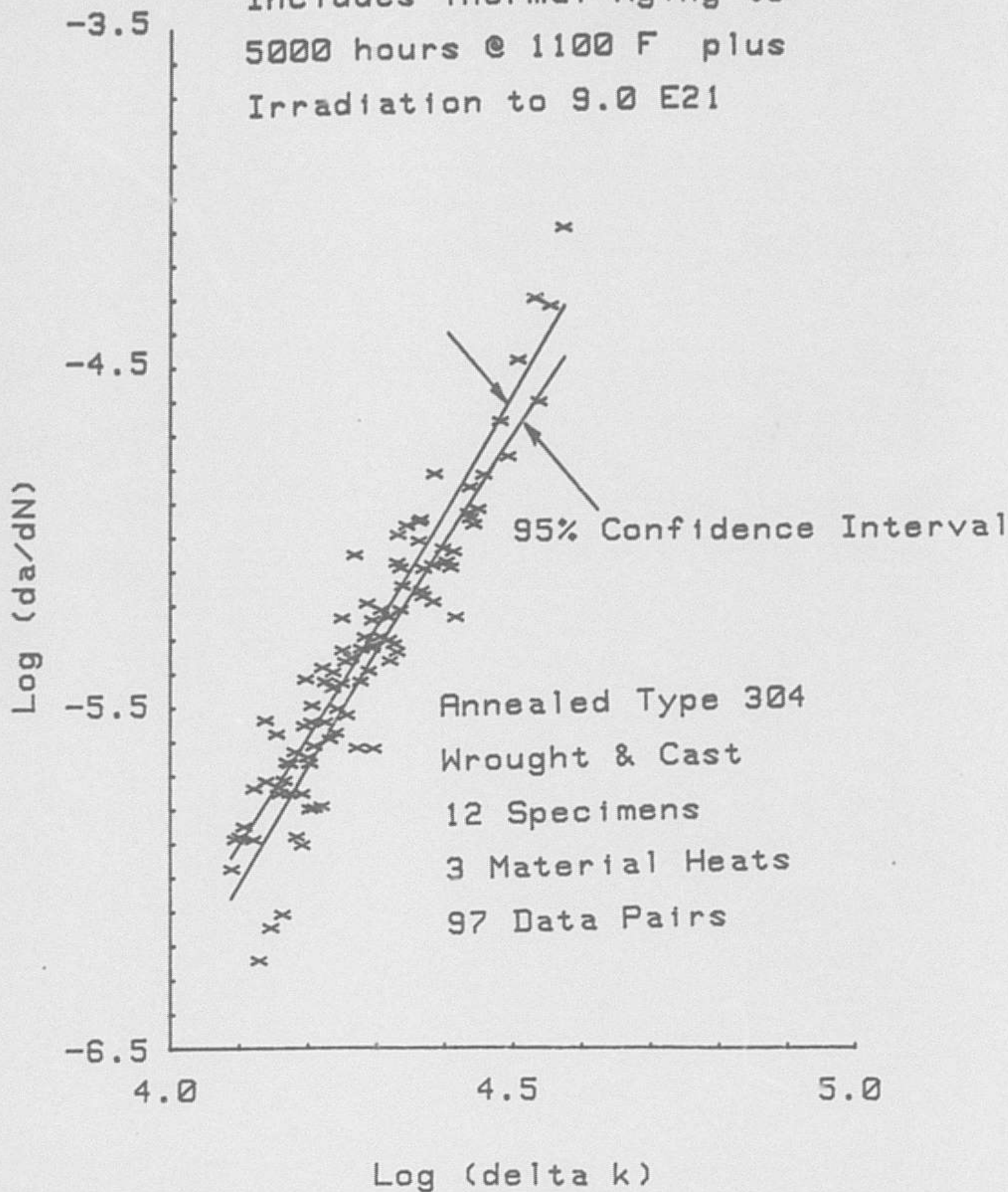
FATIGUE-CRACK GROWTH IN
AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEELS & WELDMENTS

- LARGE WELL-CHARACTERIZED DATA BASE INCORPORATING SEVERAL MATERIAL HEATS AND PRODUCT FORMS AND WELD TYPES.
- ONLY "VALID DATA" EMPLOYED (VALID PER ASTM E647). CORRELATIONS DEVELOPED ARE IN PROCESS OF CONSIDERATION FOR NSMH REVISION.
- QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF DATA ARE SUFFICIENTLY HIGH THAT RELATIVELY NARROW CONFIDENCE INTERVALS ARE PRODUCED -- I.E., WE HAVE A HIGH LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE THAT THE CRACK GROWTH EQUATIONS EMPLOYED ARE CORRECT.
- METHODS ARE AVAILABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR FREQUENCY EFFECTS AND STRESS RATIO EFFECTS.

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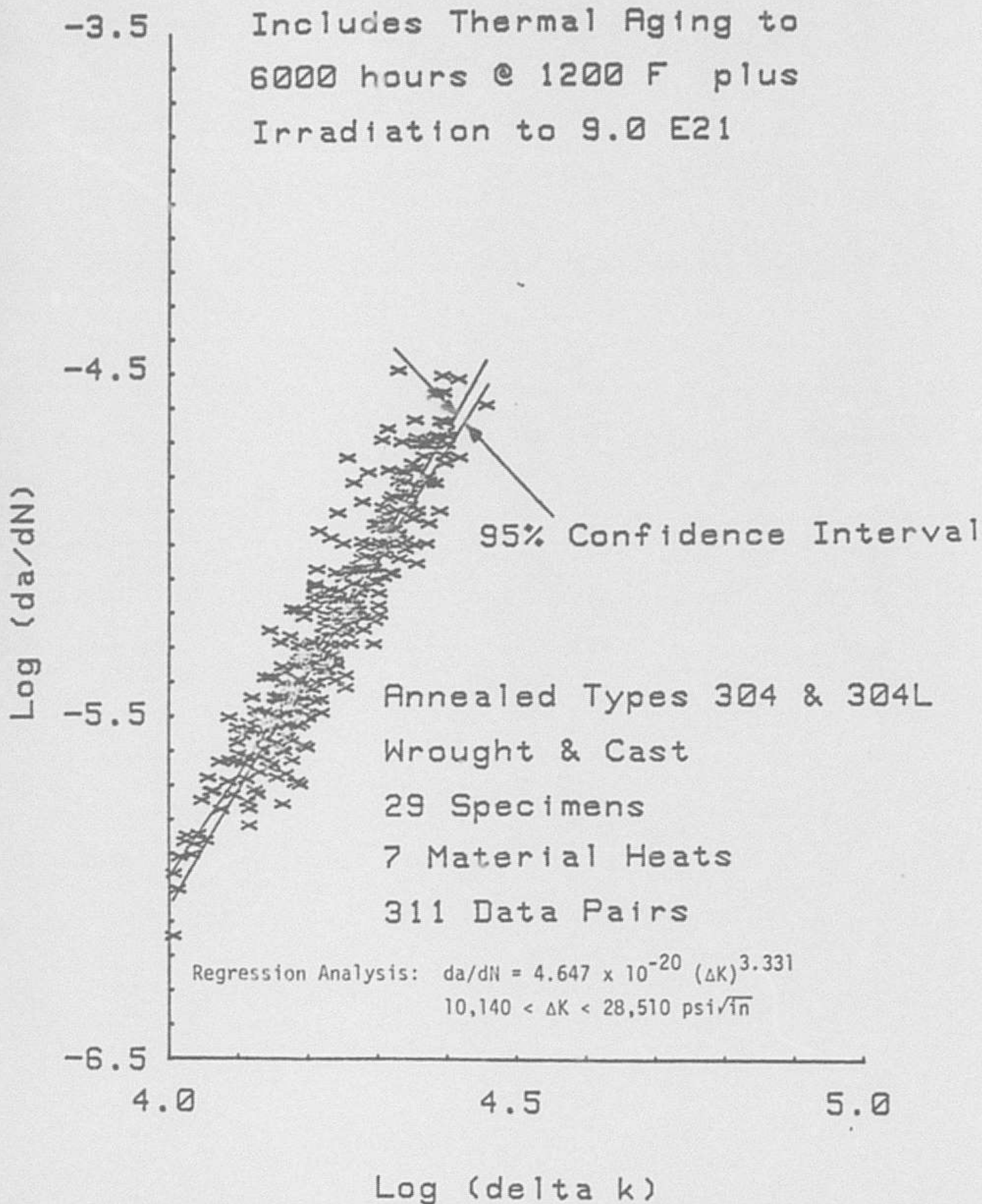
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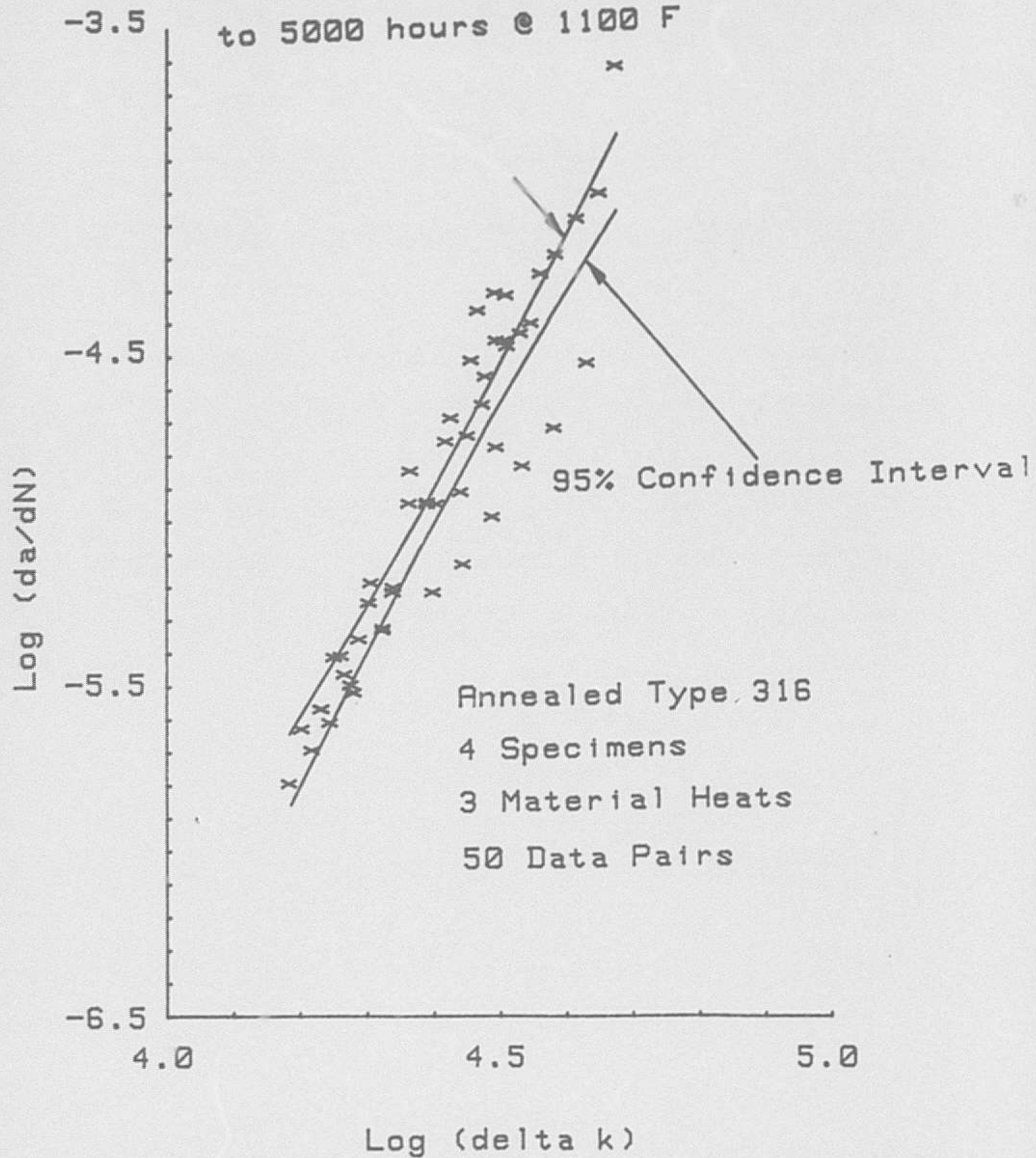
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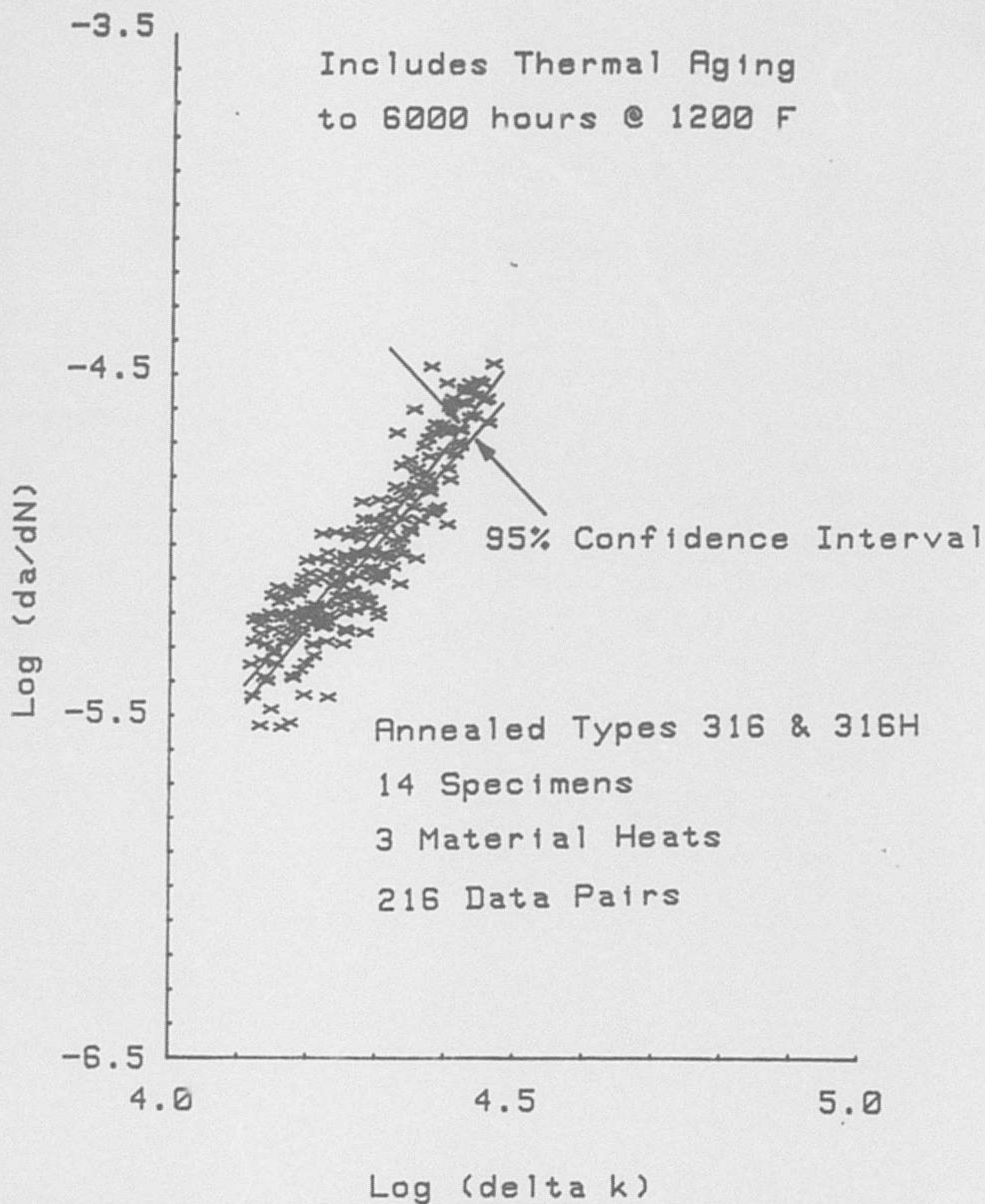


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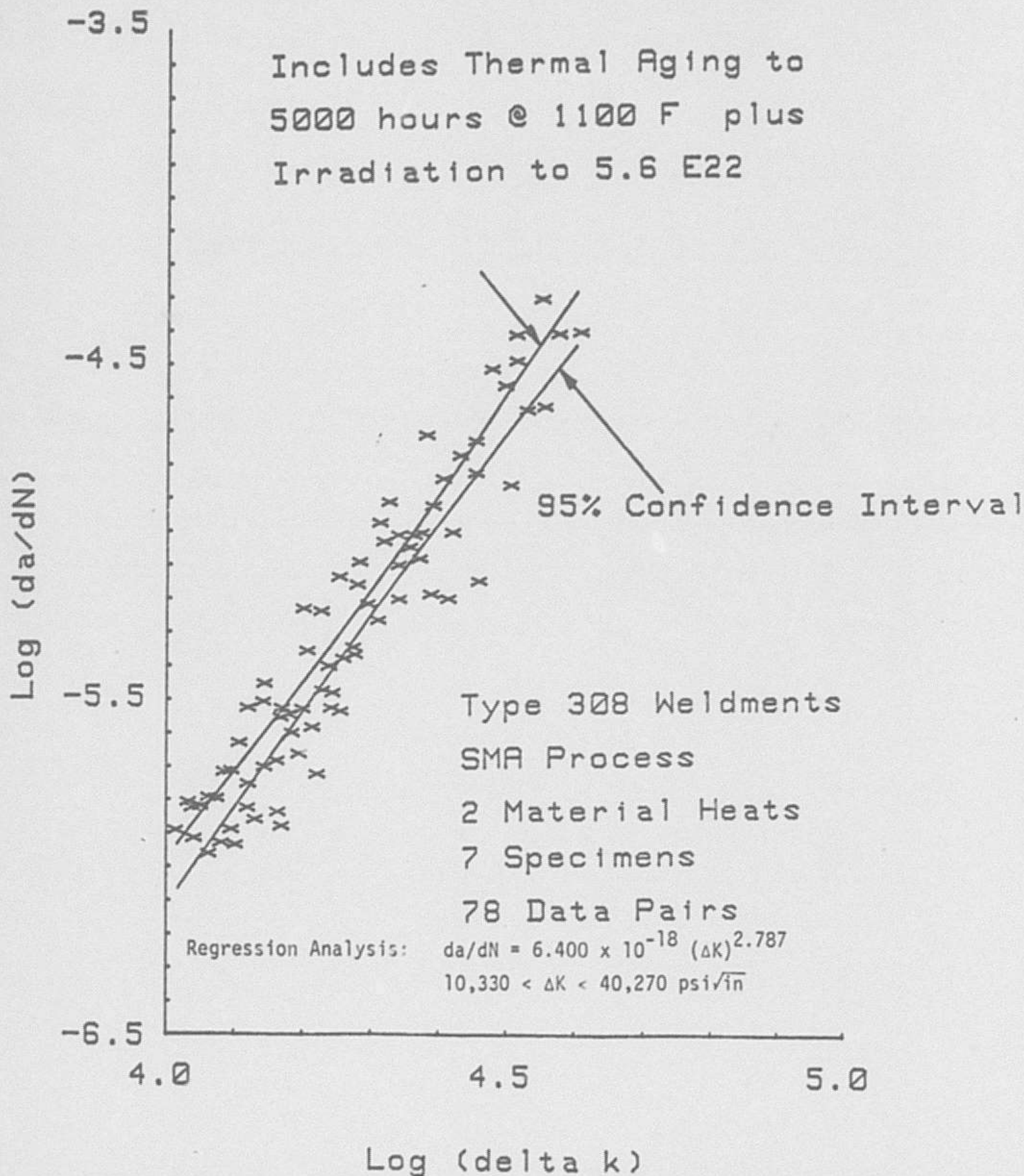
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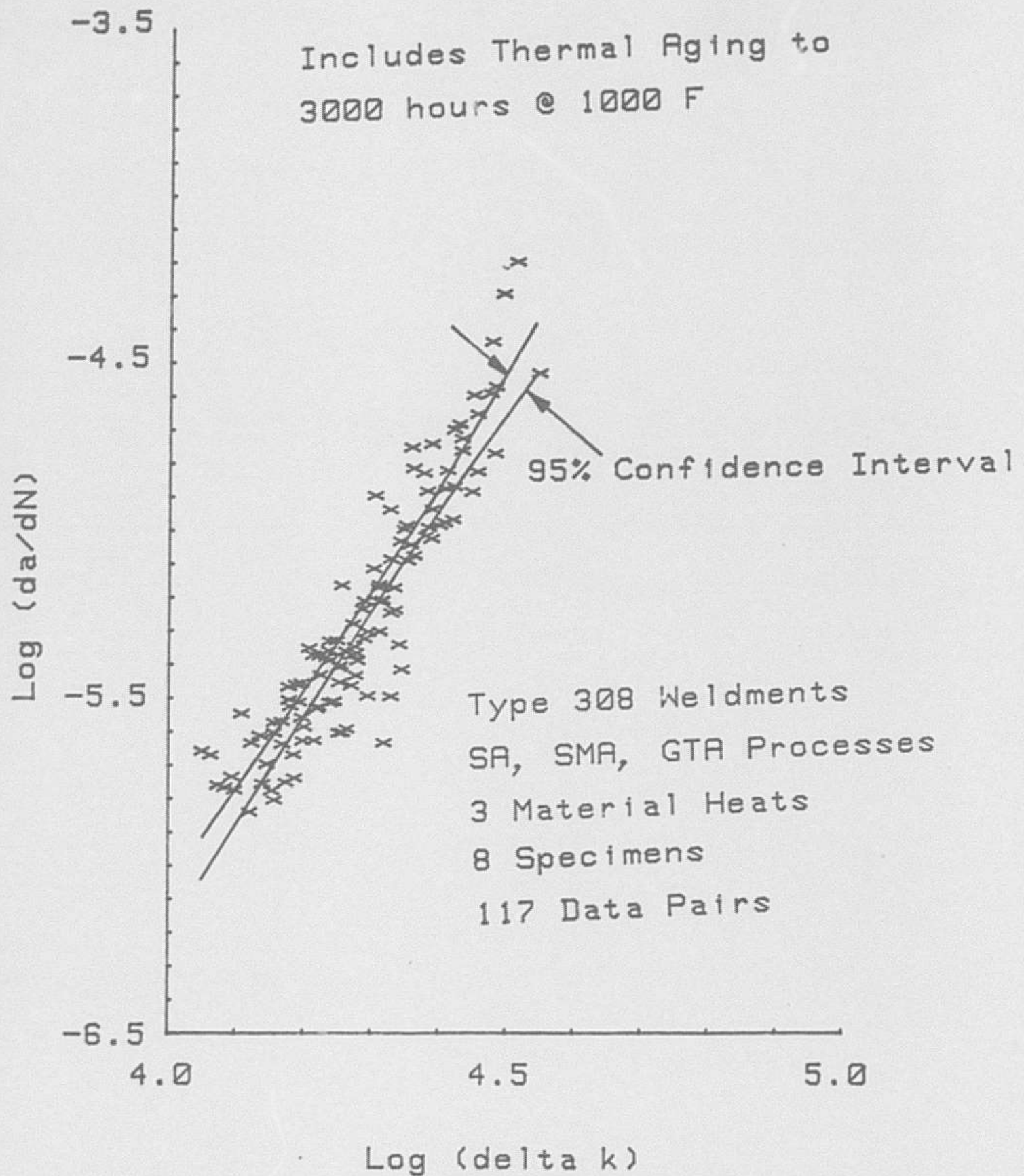
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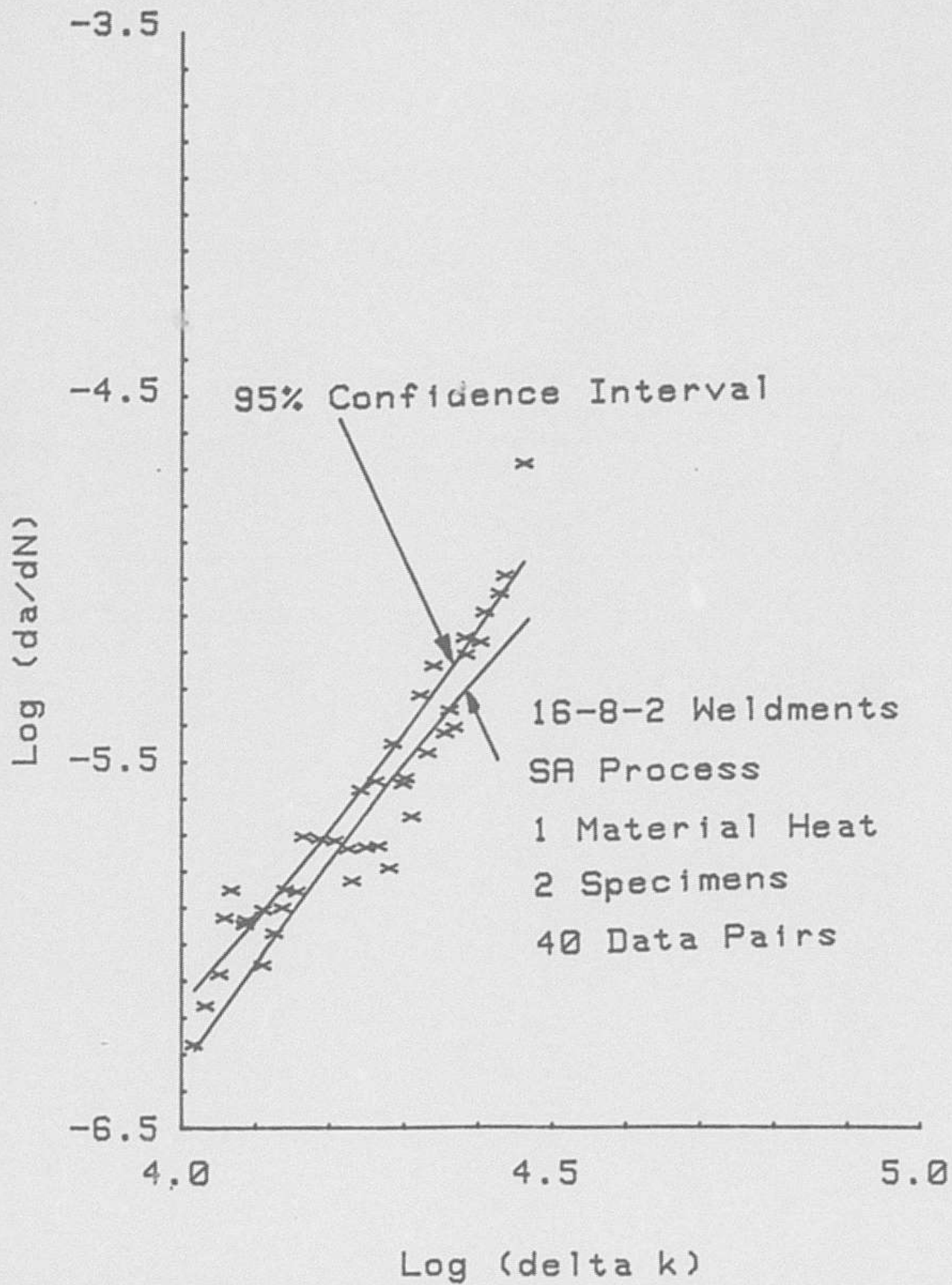


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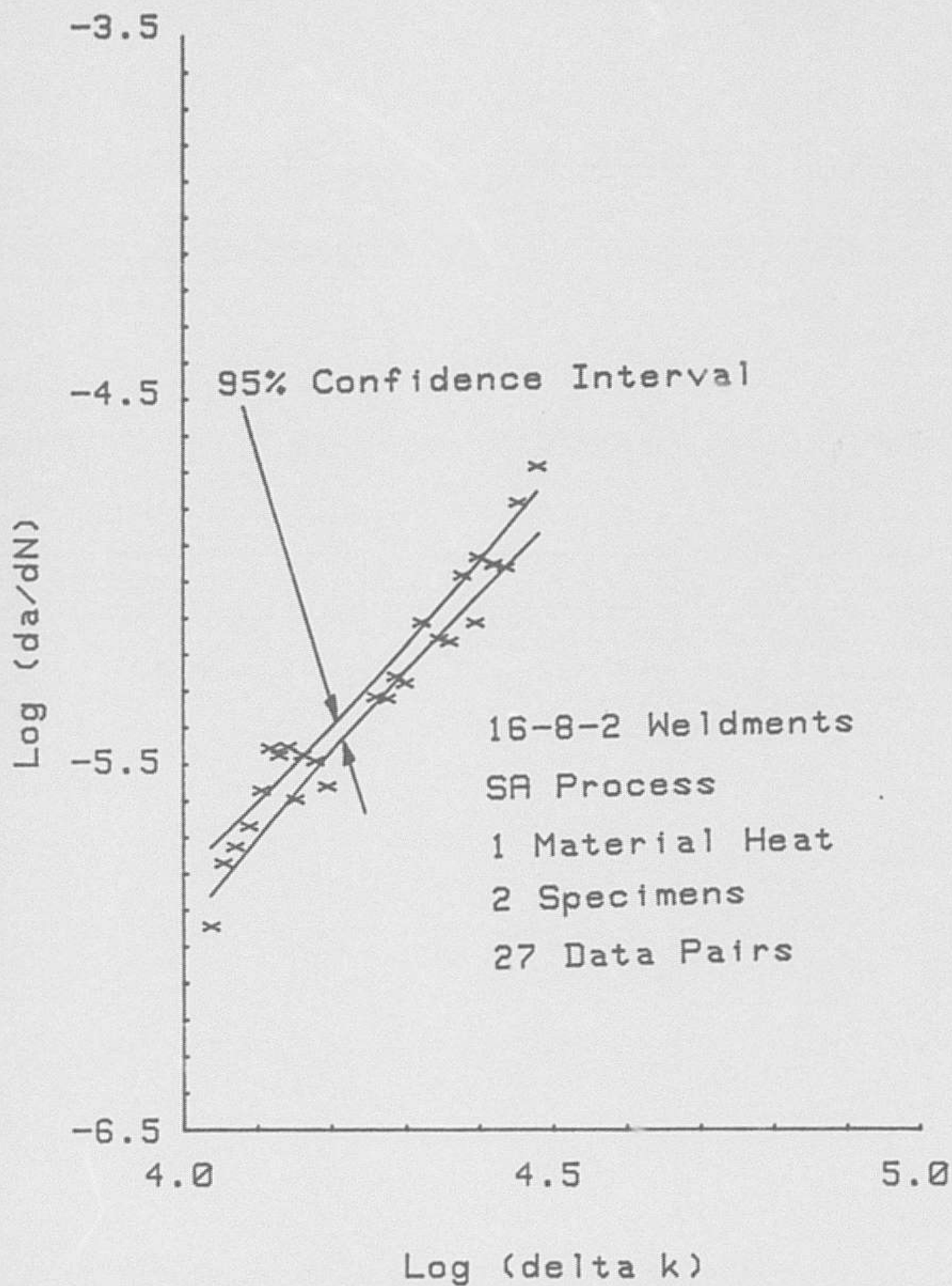


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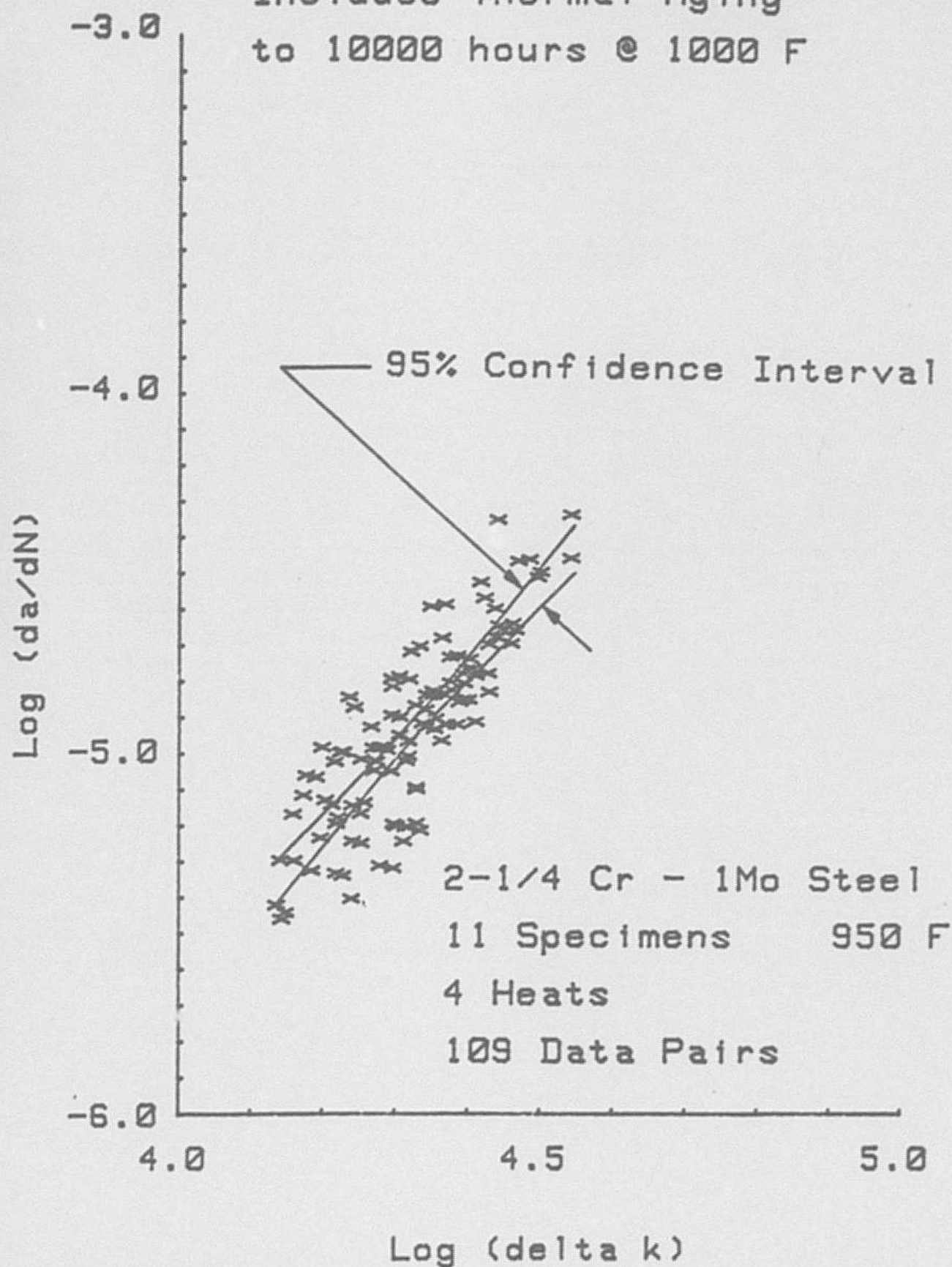


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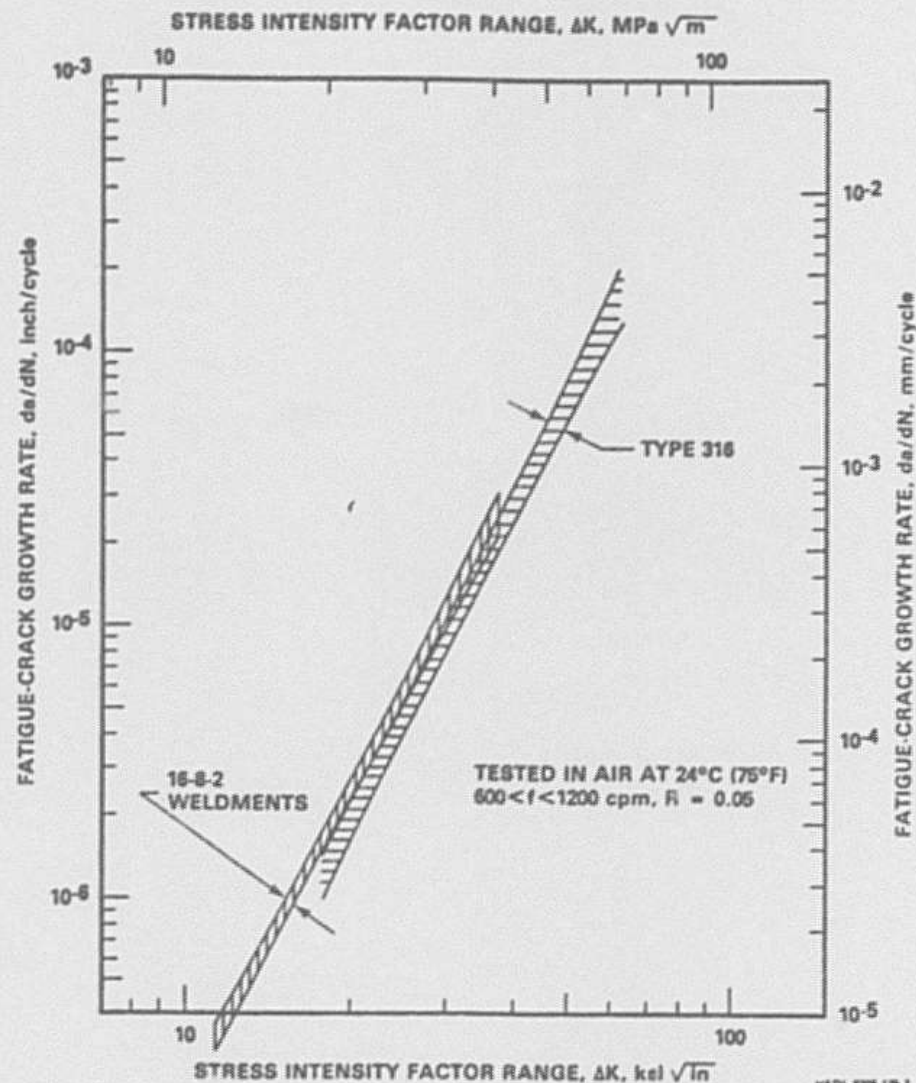
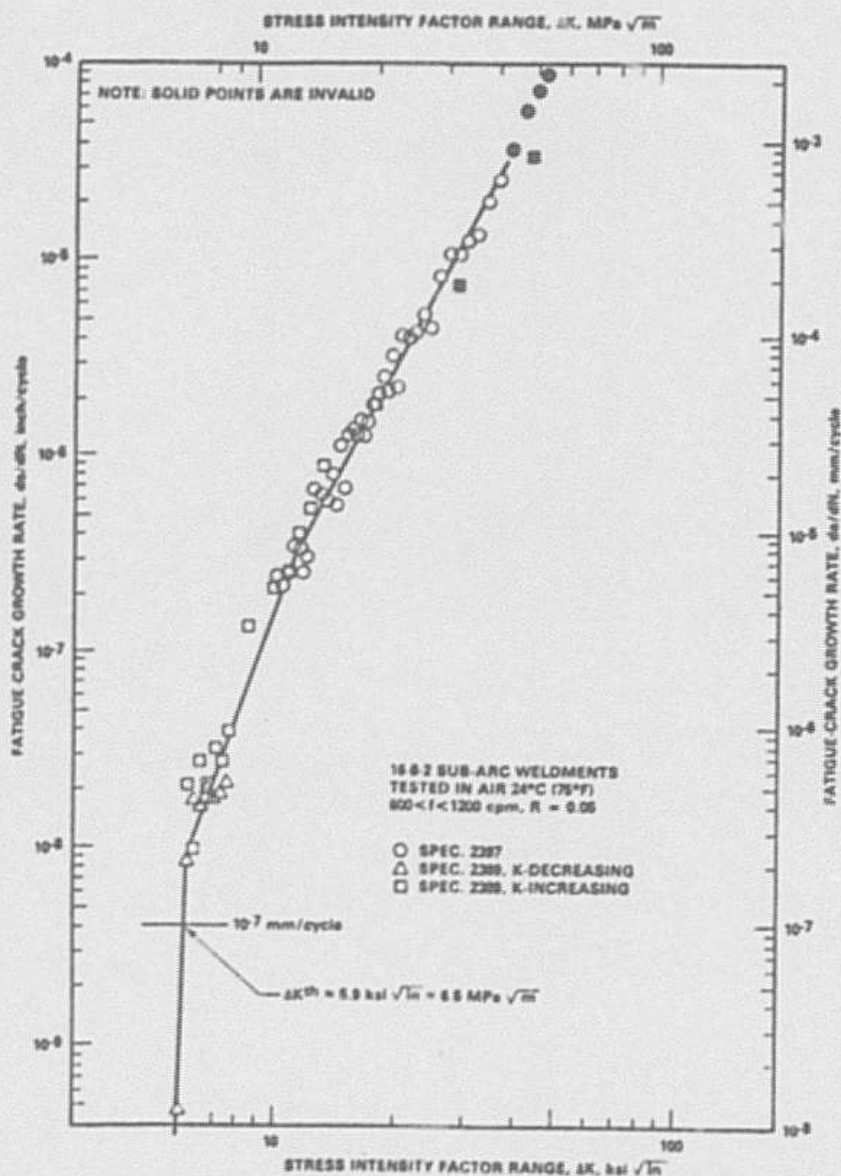


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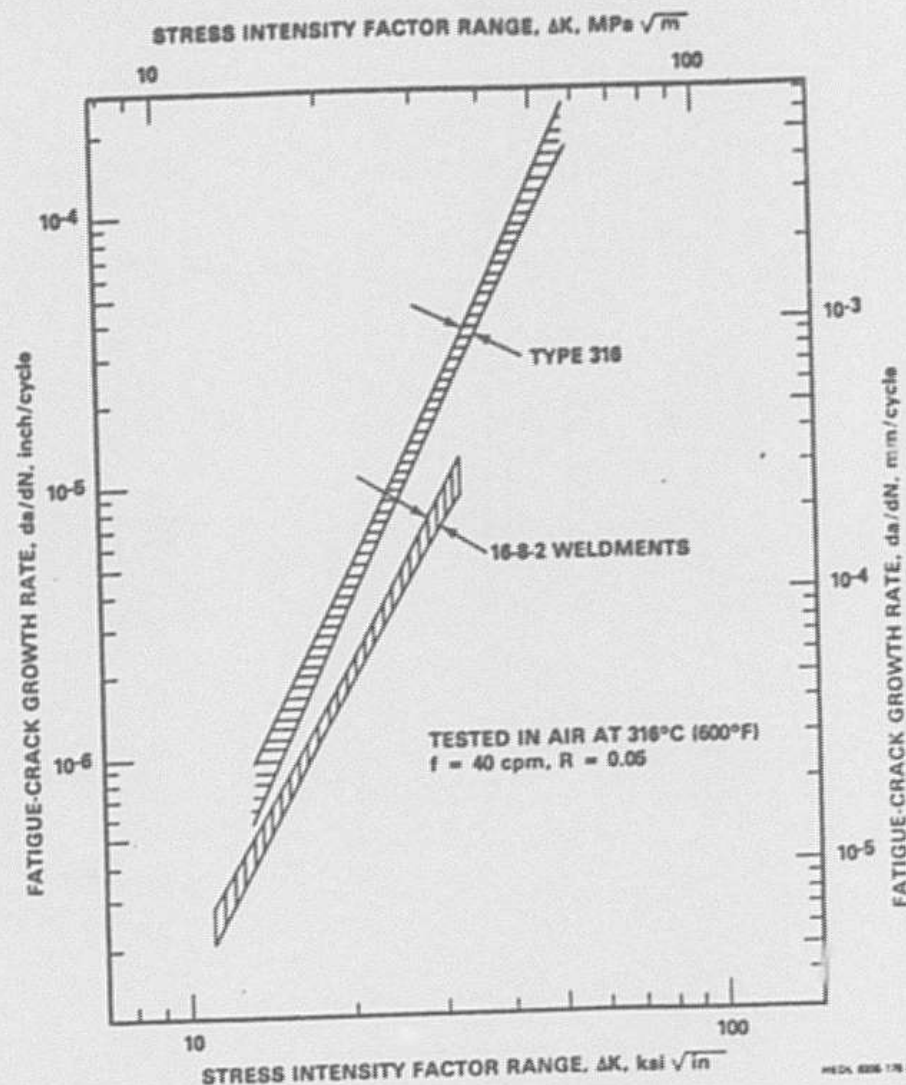
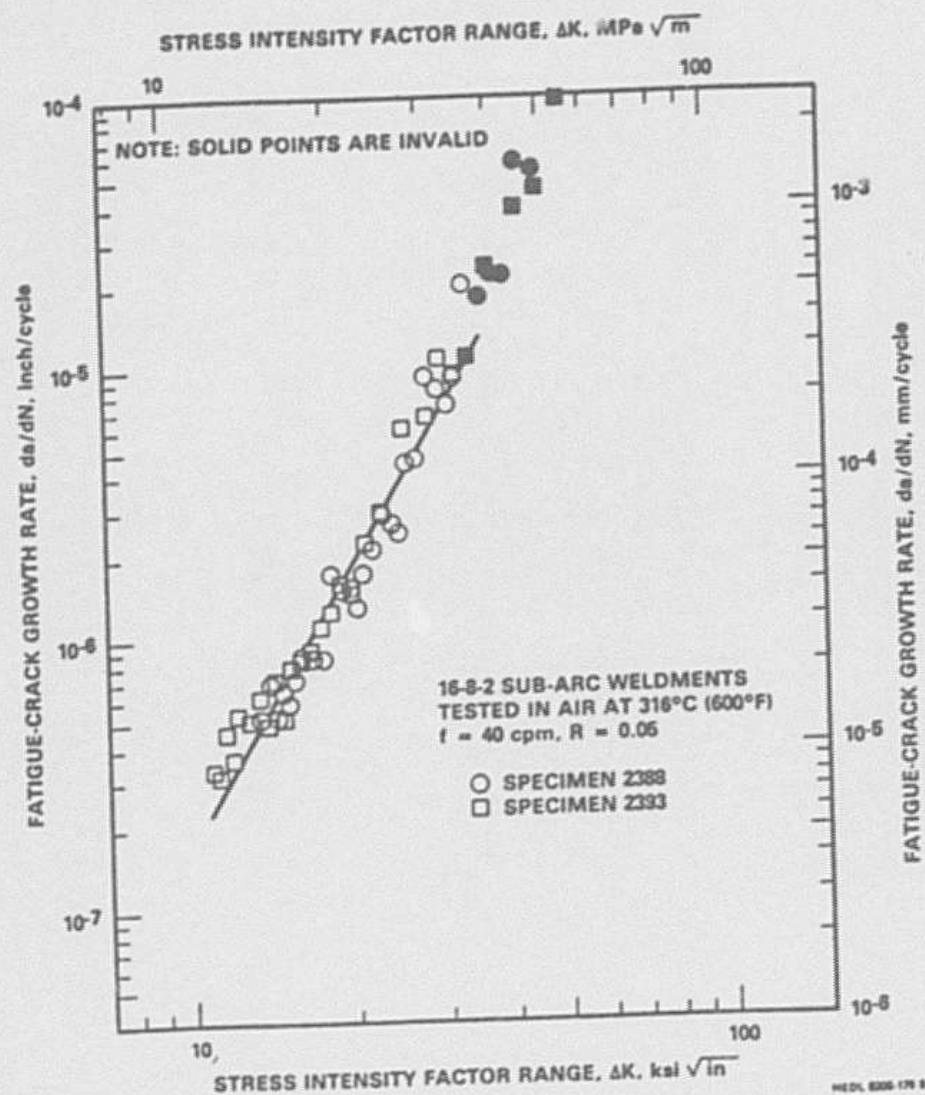


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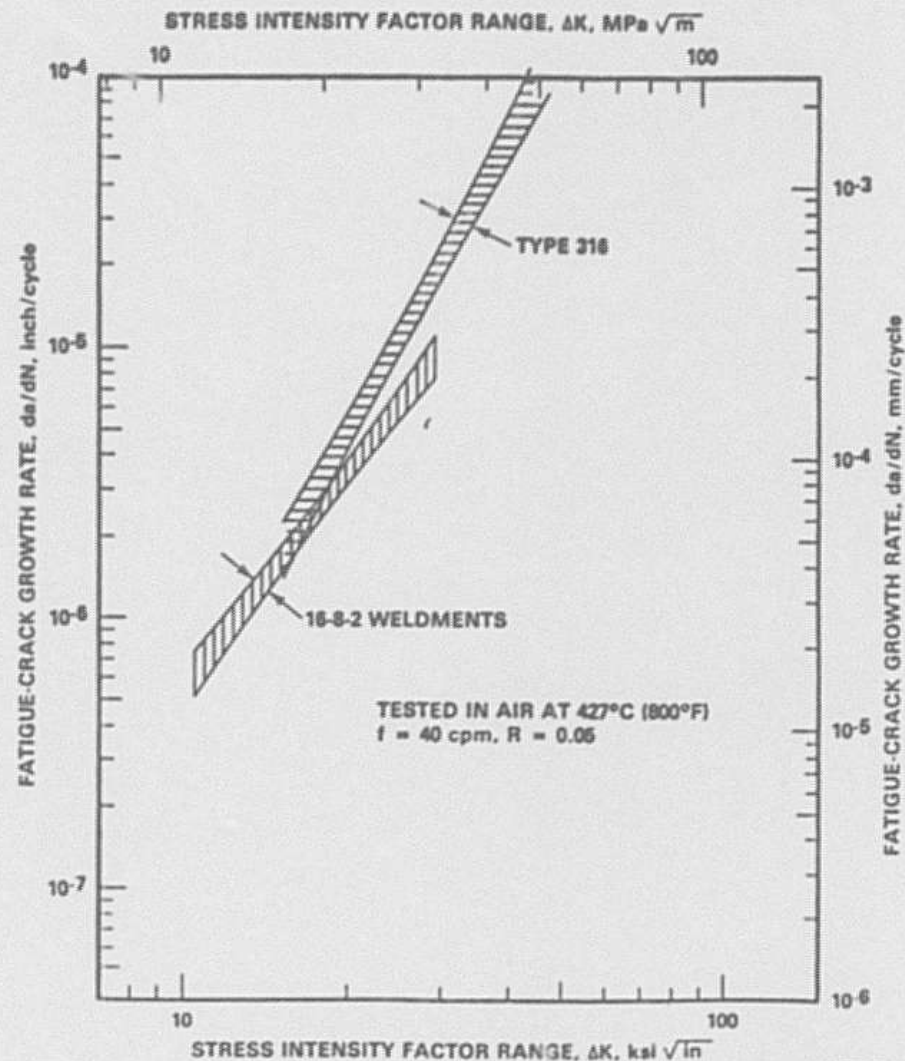
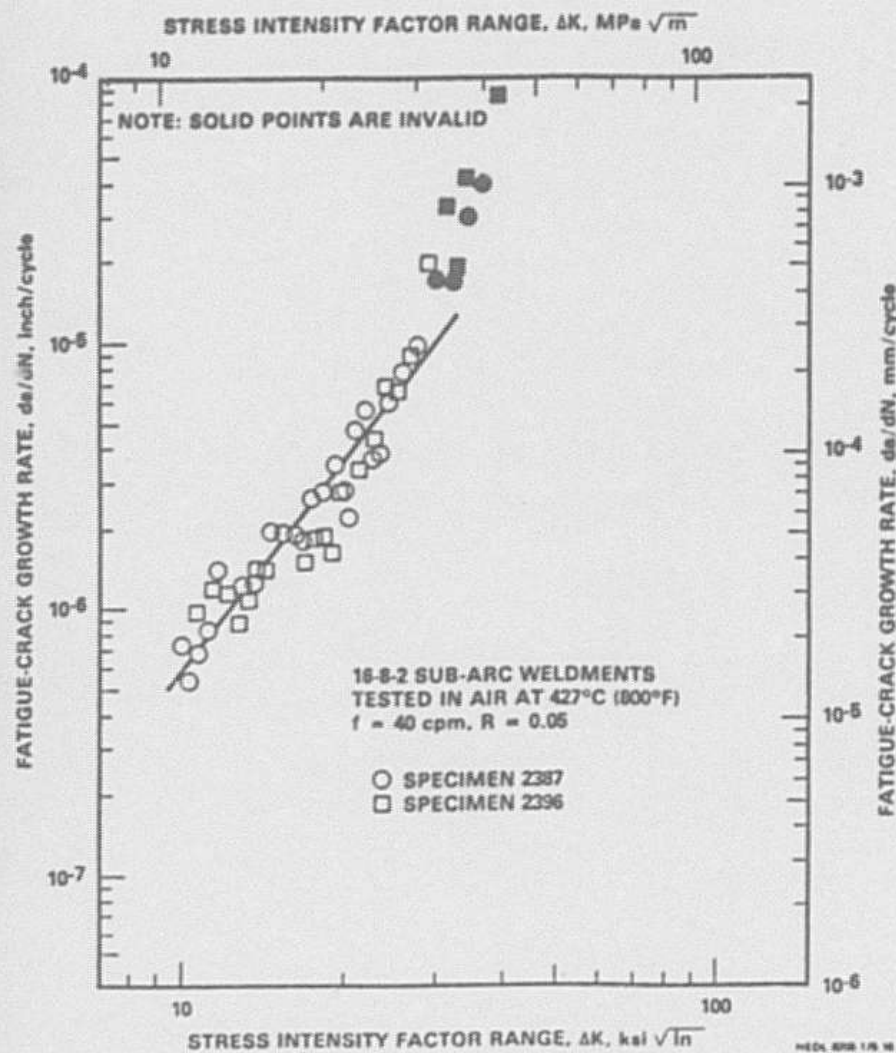
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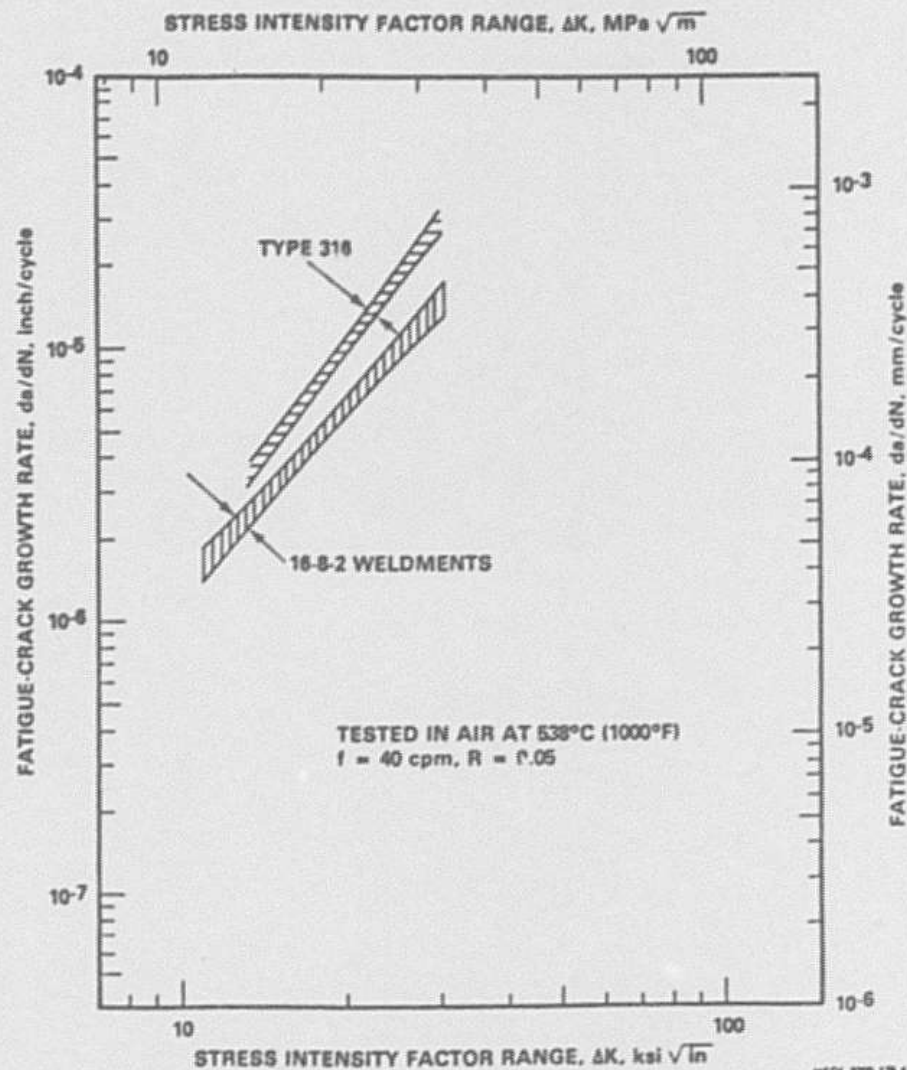
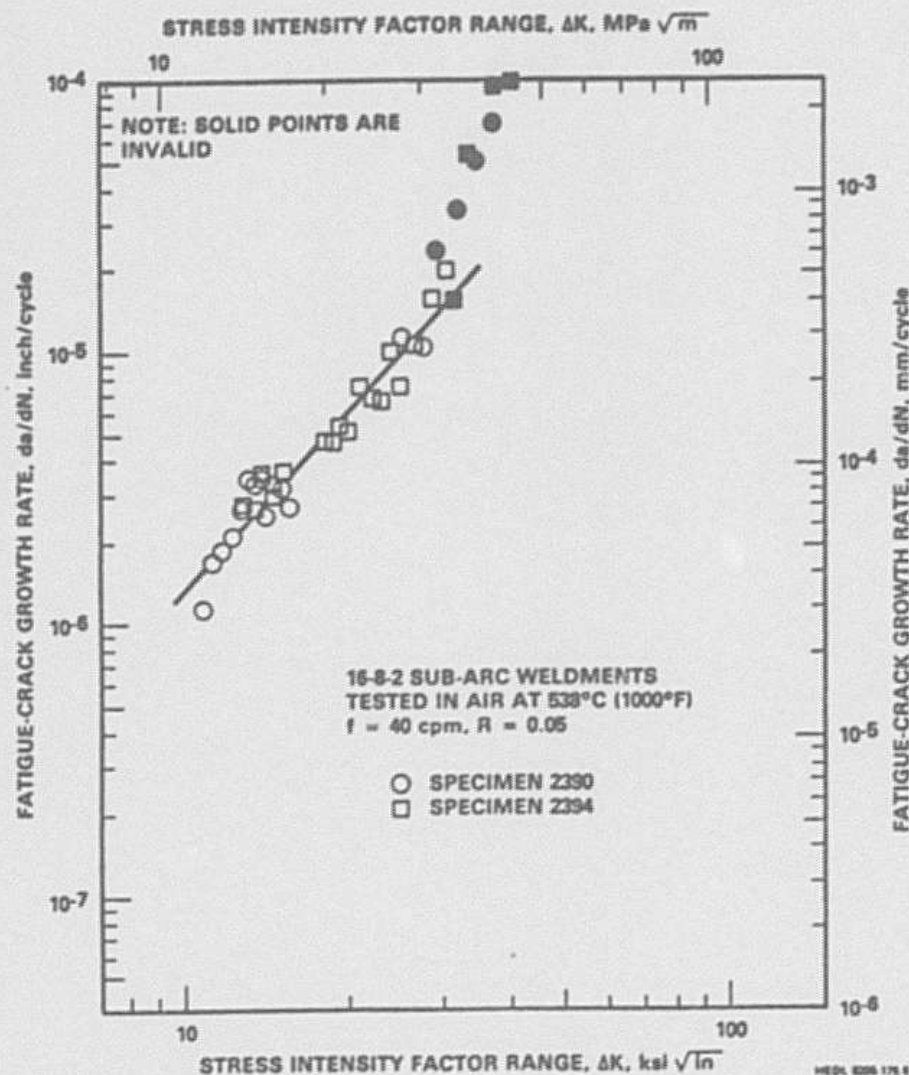
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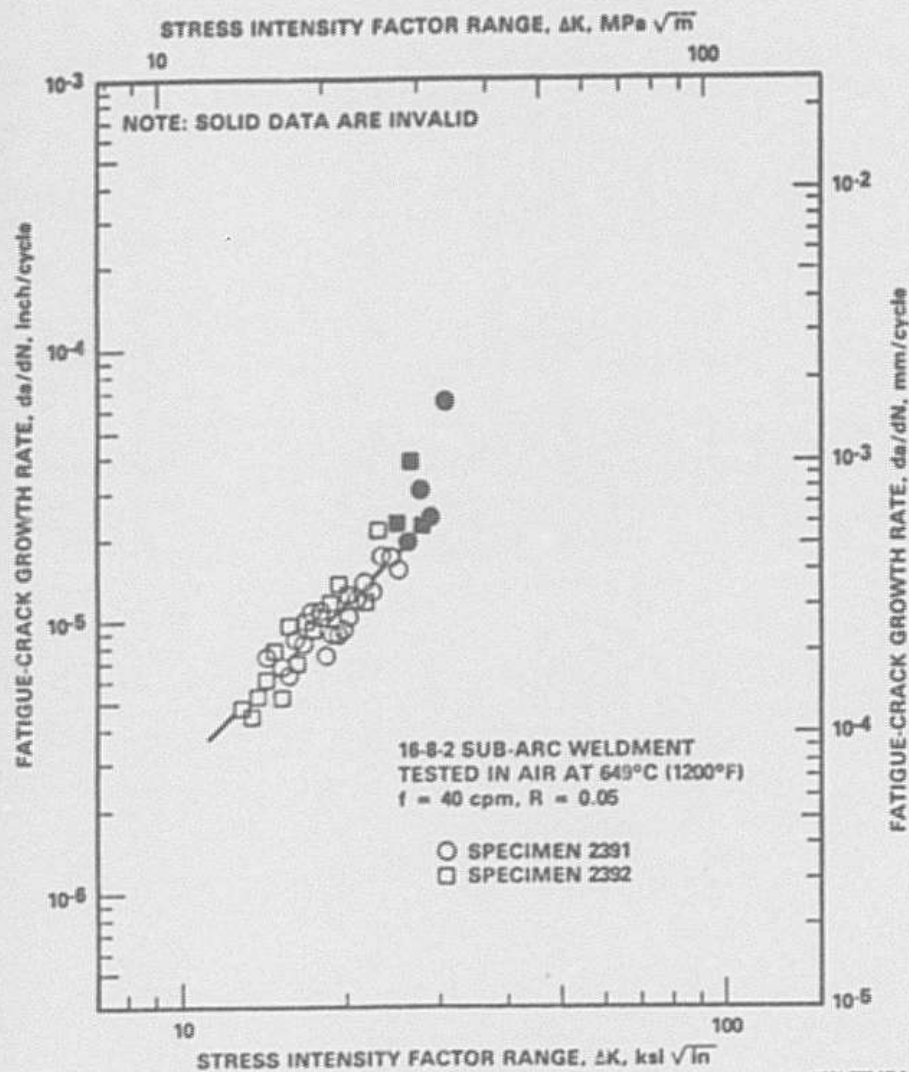
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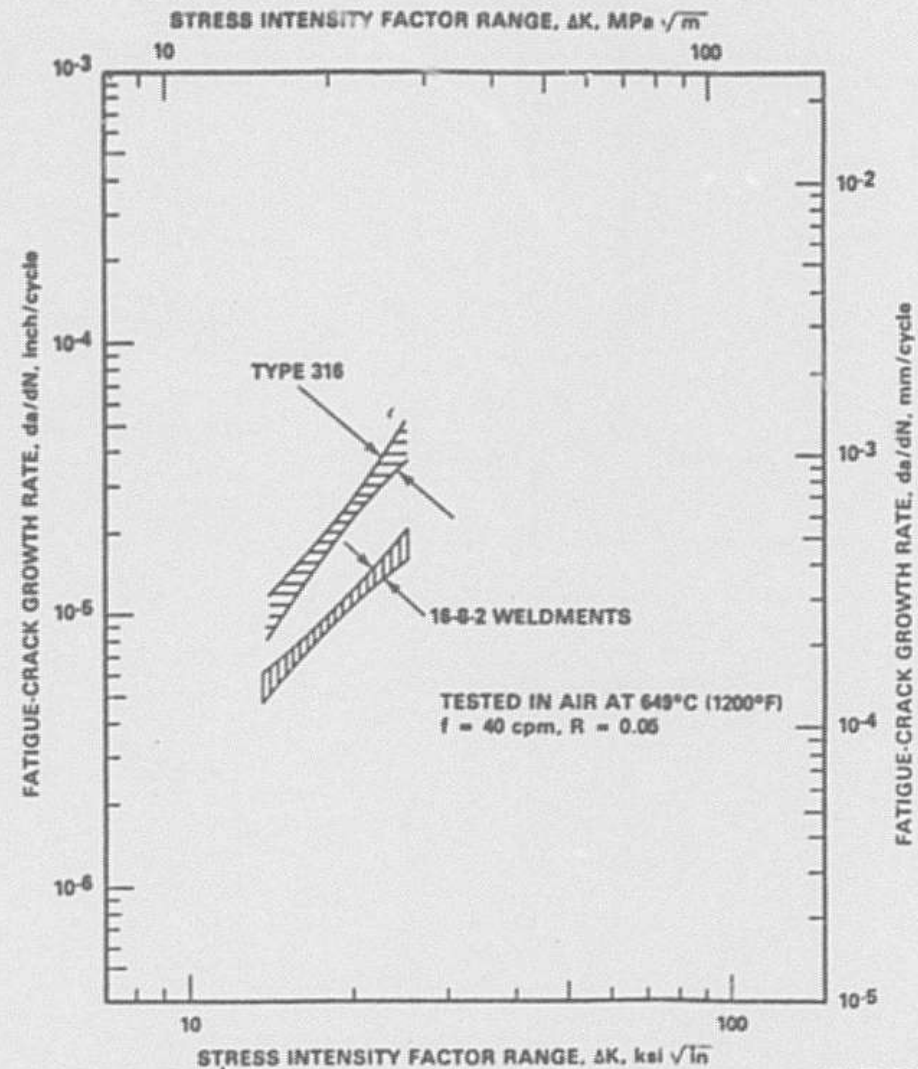


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CRACK GROWTH IN 16-8-2 WELDMENTS AT 1200 F (REF. HEDL-TME 82-14)



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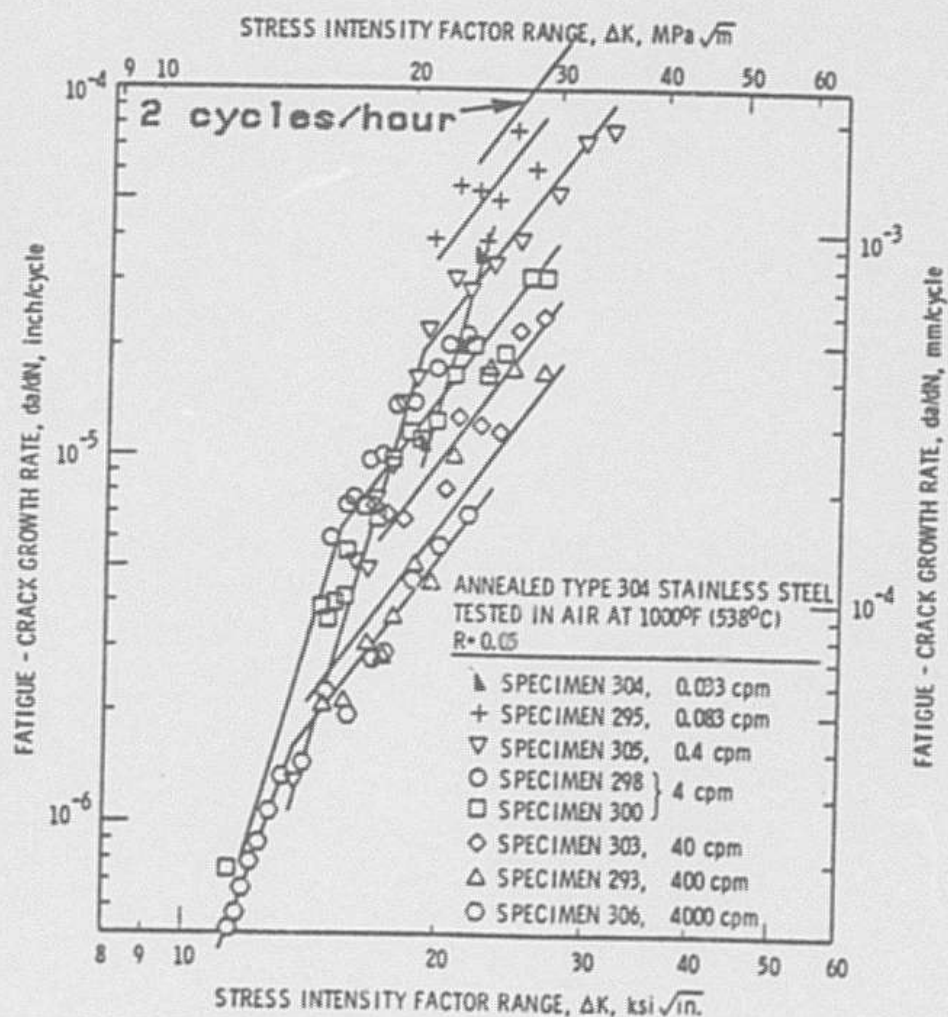
TIME-DEPENDENT EFFECTS ON CRACK PROPAGATION IN AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEELS

SEVERAL STUDIES HAVE ADDRESSED TIME-DEPENDENT EFFECTS ON THE FATIGUE-CRACK PROPAGATION BEHAVIOR OF AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEELS. THE FINDINGS MAY BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

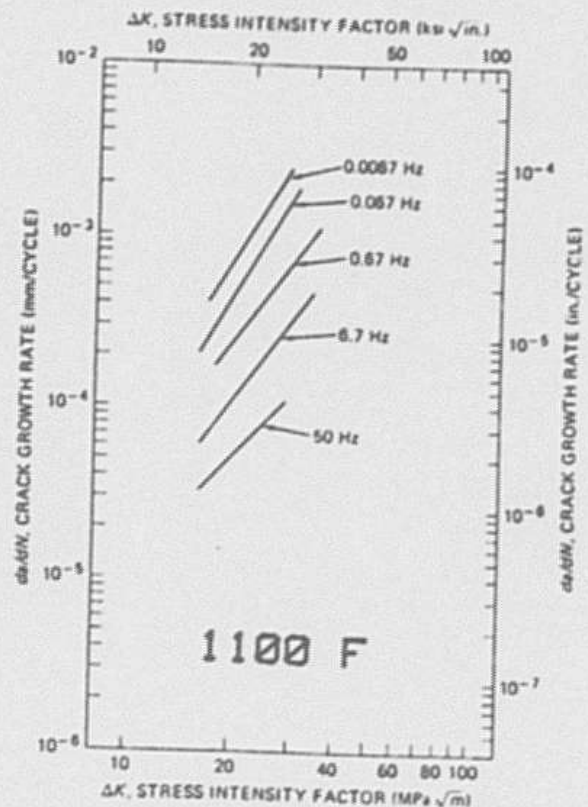
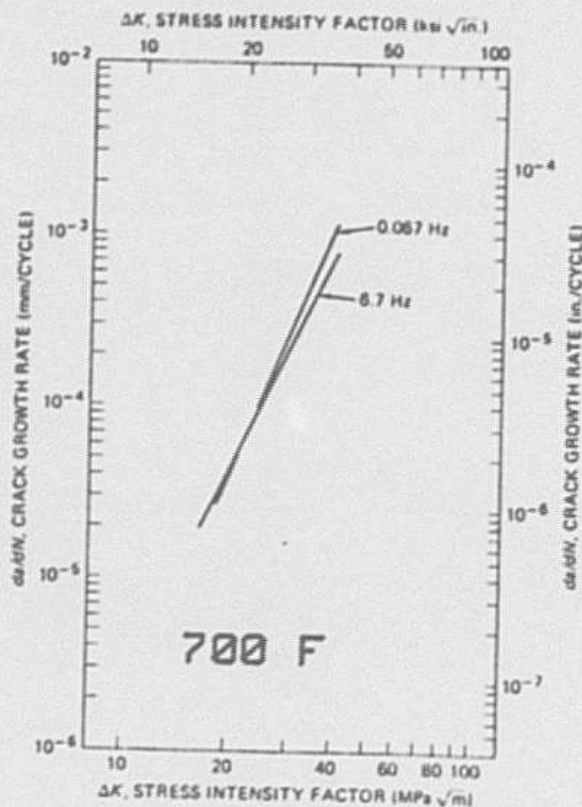
- IN ELEVATED TEMPERATURE AIR ENVIRONMENTS, CRACK GROWTH RATES GENERALLY INCREASE WITH DECREASING CYCLIC FREQUENCIES
- TIME-DEPENDENT EFFECTS ARE GREATLY REDUCED (OR ELIMINATED ALTOGETHER) IN INERT ENVIRONMENTS (E.G. LIQUID SODIUM, VACUUM, ARGON)
- LOADING WAVEFORM (E.G. HOLD-TIME) PLAYS NO SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN INFLUENCING CRACK GROWTH BEHAVIOR BEYOND THAT PRODUCED BY THE CYCLIC FREQUENCY EFFECT
- A FREQUENCY CORRECTION FACTOR (IN POLYNOMIAL FORM) CAN BE USED TO ESTIMATE TIME-DEPENDENT EFFECTS AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES. POLYNOMIAL IS BASED ON EXPERIMENTAL DATA OVER A FACTOR OF 120,000 ON FREQUENCY AT 1000°F

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TIME-DEPENDENT EFFECTS ON THE FATIGUE-CRACK GROWTH BEHAVIOR OF TYPE 304 S.S. IN AIR AT 1000 F



TIME-DEPENDENT FATIGUE-CRACK GROWTH BEHAVIOR OF 2 1/4Cr - 1Mo STEEL IN AIR

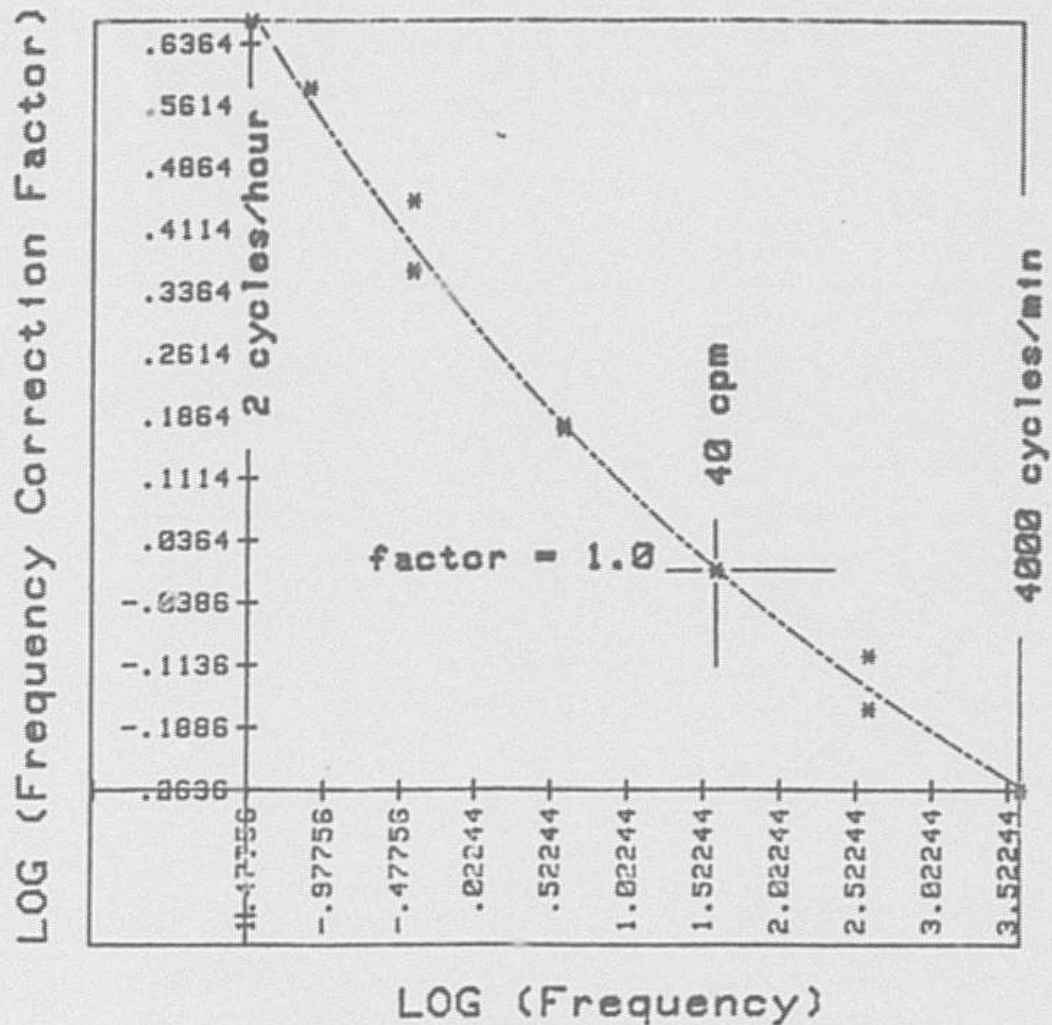


$$DA/DN = A_0 \left[K_{MAX} (1-R)^{0.5} \right]^{3.5}$$

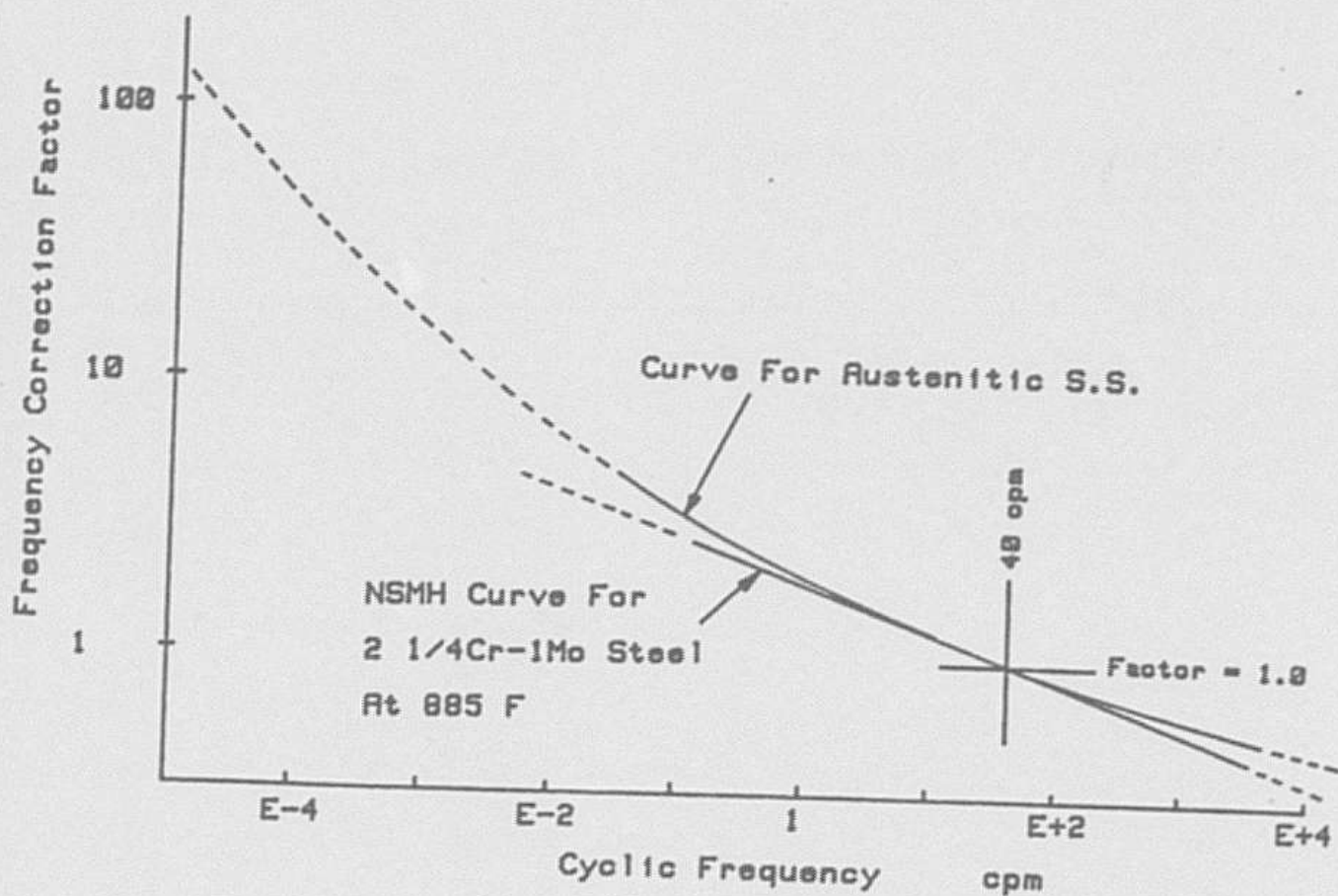
$$A_0 = -10.106 + 1.359 \times 10^{-5} (T)^2$$

$$-1.432 \times 10^{-8} (T)^3 - 1.7 \times 10^{-9} (T)^3 (\text{LOG } F)$$

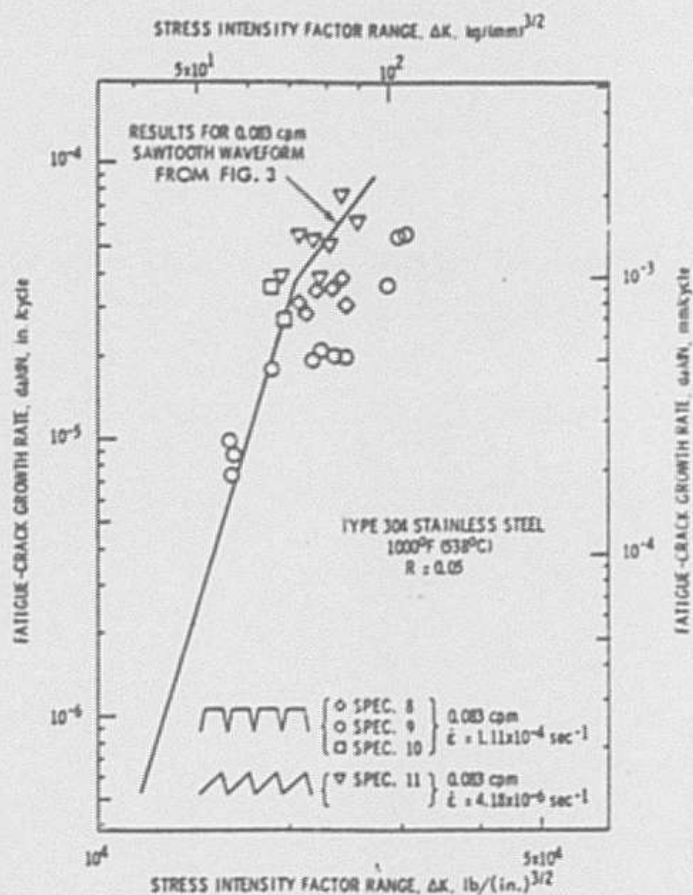
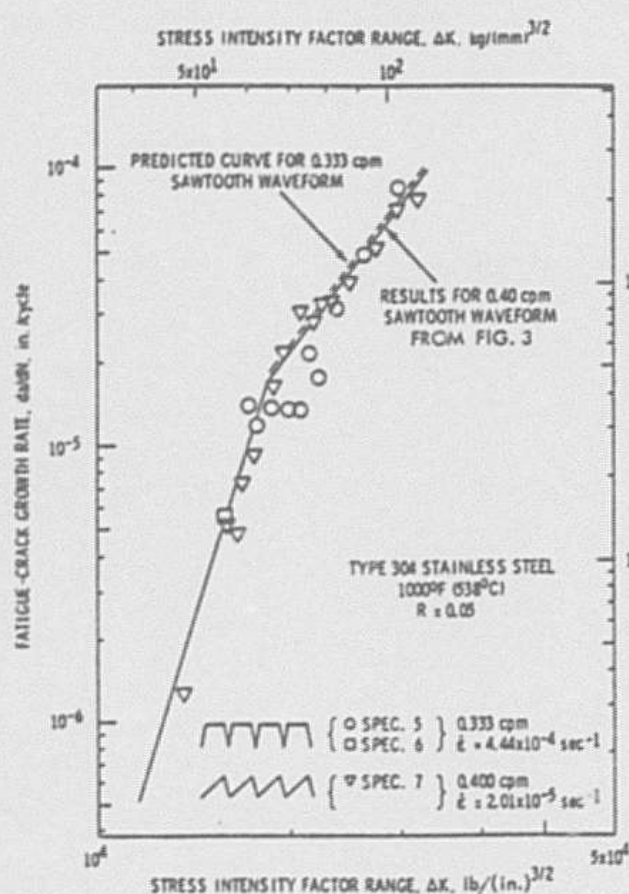
TIME-DEPENDENT EFFECTS ON THE FATIGUE-CRACK GROWTH BEHAVIOR OF TYPE 304 S.S. IN AIR AT 1000 F



FREQUENCY CORRECTION FACTORS FOR AUSTENITIC & FERRITIC STEELS

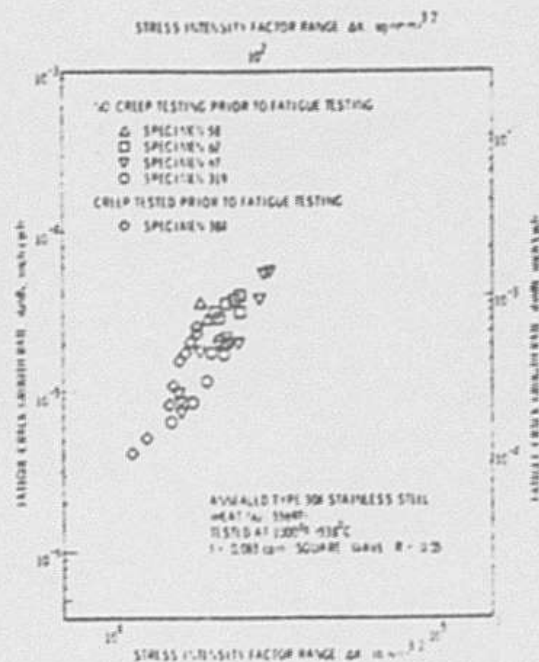


TIME-DEPENDENT EFFECTS ON THE FATIGUE-CRACK GROWTH BEHAVIOR OF TYPE 304 S.S. IN AIR AT 1000 F



No deleterious effect of
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fatigue-crack growth behavior
at 1000 F in air.

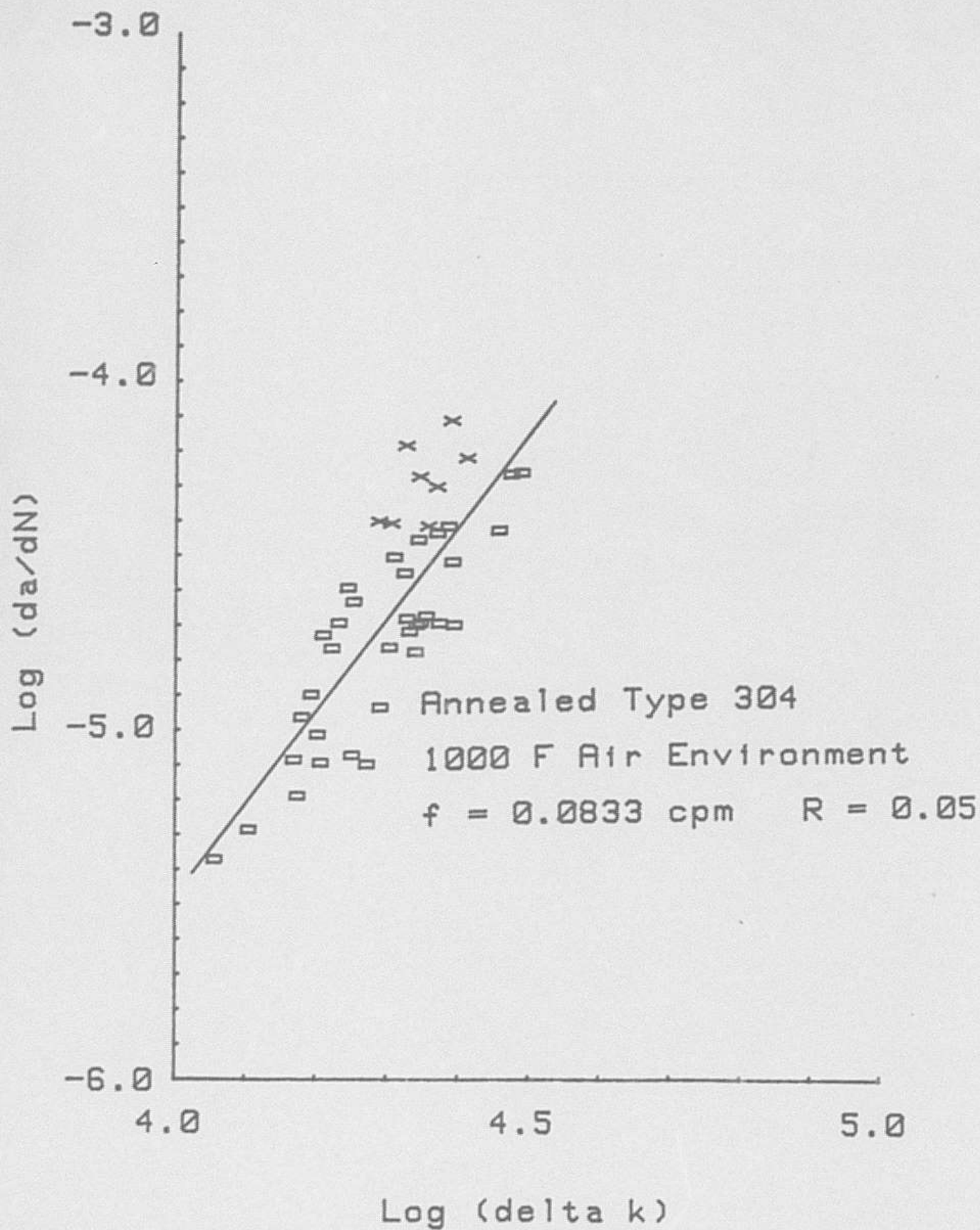
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Significant creep damage introduced prior to fatigue testing resulted in no effect upon crack growth behavior under tensile hold-time conditions.

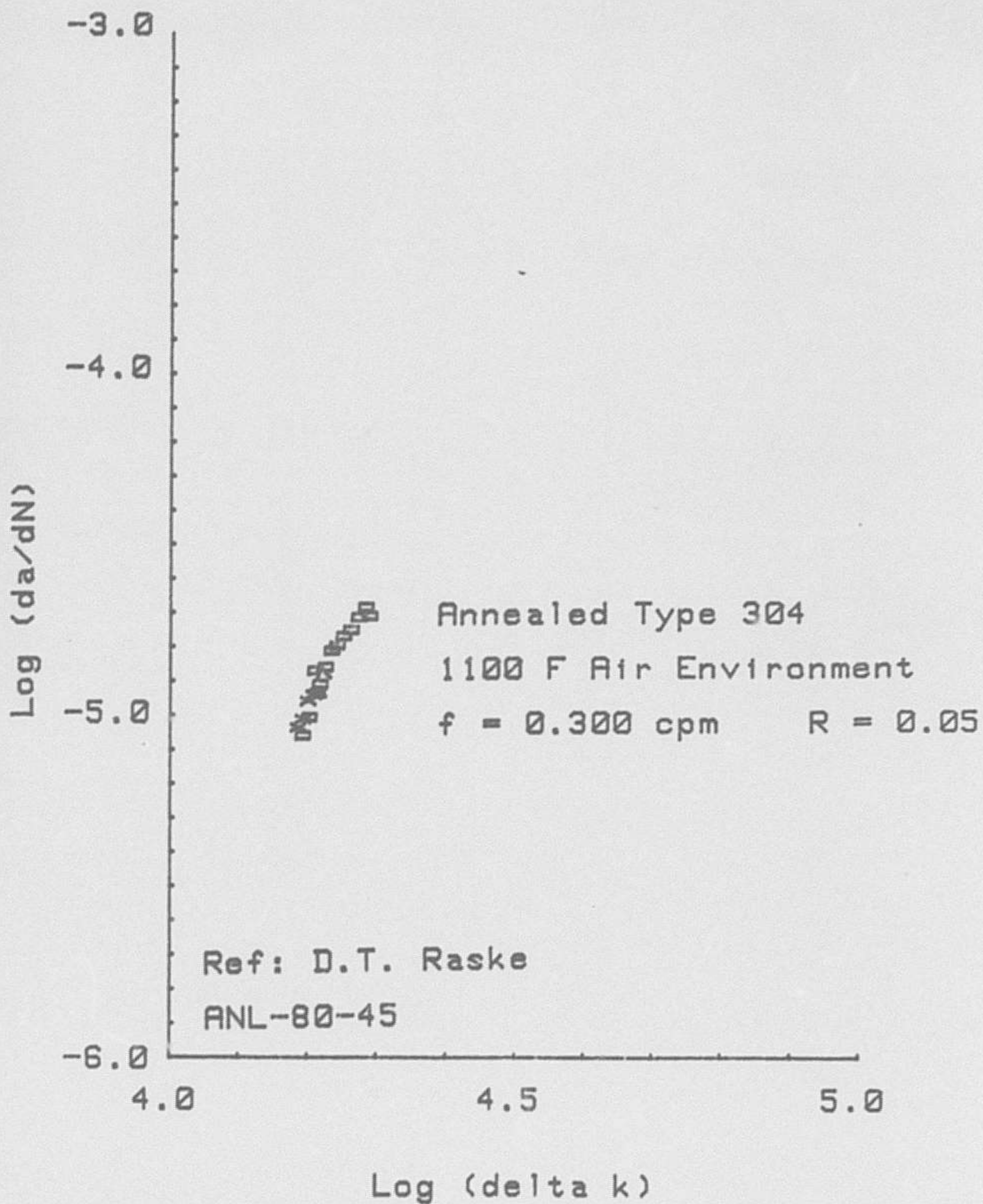
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Hold = □ 10.8 min. Hold-Time



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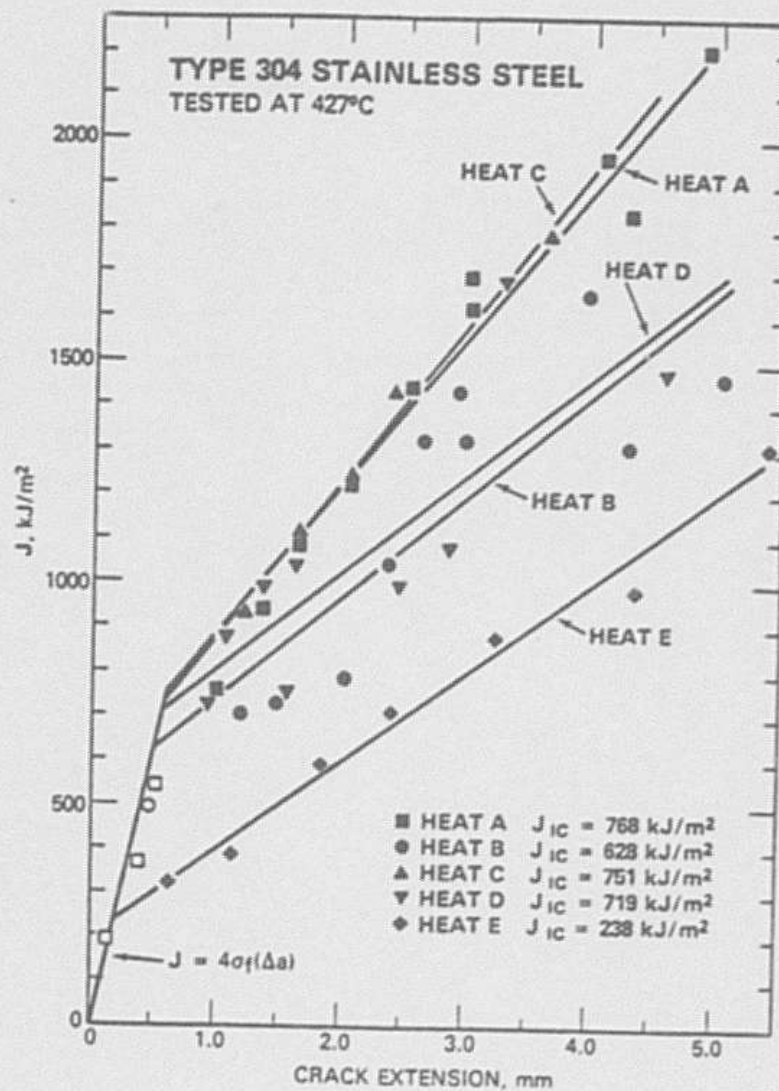
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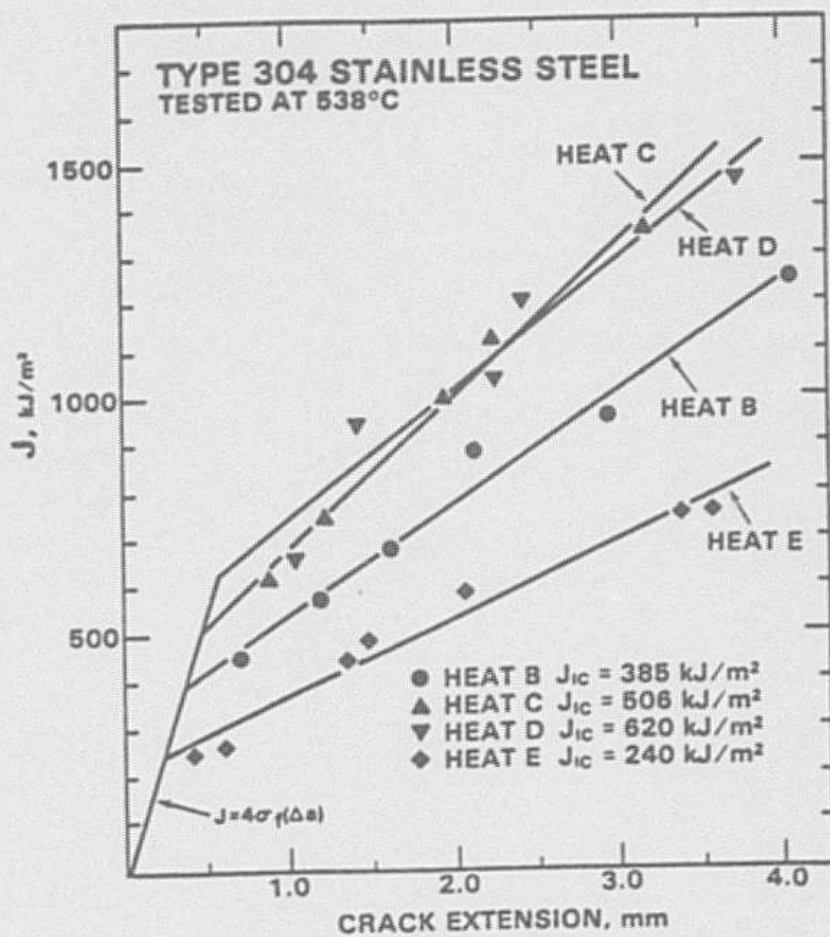
FRACTURE TOUGHNESS OF AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEELS AND WELDS

- LARGE WELL-CHARACTERIZED DATA BASE INCORPORATING SEVERAL MATERIAL HEATS AND WELD TYPES.
- ONLY "VALID DATA" EMPLOYED. TOUGHNESS VALUES AND TEARING MODULI DEVELOPED ARE IN PROCESS OF CONSIDERATION FOR NSMH SECTION.
- HEAT-TO-HEAT VARIATIONS IN TOUGHNESS OBSERVED IN AUSTENITIC STEELS. THESE VARIATIONS CAN BE RELATED TO MICRO-STRUCTURE. VARIATIONS ARE ALSO NOTED IN AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL WELDMENTS AND CAN BE RELATED TO WELDING PROCESSES.
- FRACTURE TOUGHNESS OF AUSTENITIC STEELS AND WELDMENTS ARE GENERALLY SO HIGH THAT SEMI-EMPIRICAL FAILURE CRITERIA (E.G., PARIS PLASTIC-INSTABILITY MODEL, HAHN MODEL, ETC.) ARE USED INSTEAD OF FRACTURE MECHANICS-BASED CRITERIA.
- THERMAL AGING CAN DECREASE INITIATION TOUGHNESS SOMEWHAT, BUT TEARING MODULI IN AGED MATERIALS REMAIN RELATIVELY UNCHANGED. TOUGHNESS IN AGED AUSTENITIC STEELS REMAINS SUFFICIENTLY HIGH THAT SEMI-EMPIRICAL FAILURE CRITERIA ARE THE MOST APPROPRIATE.

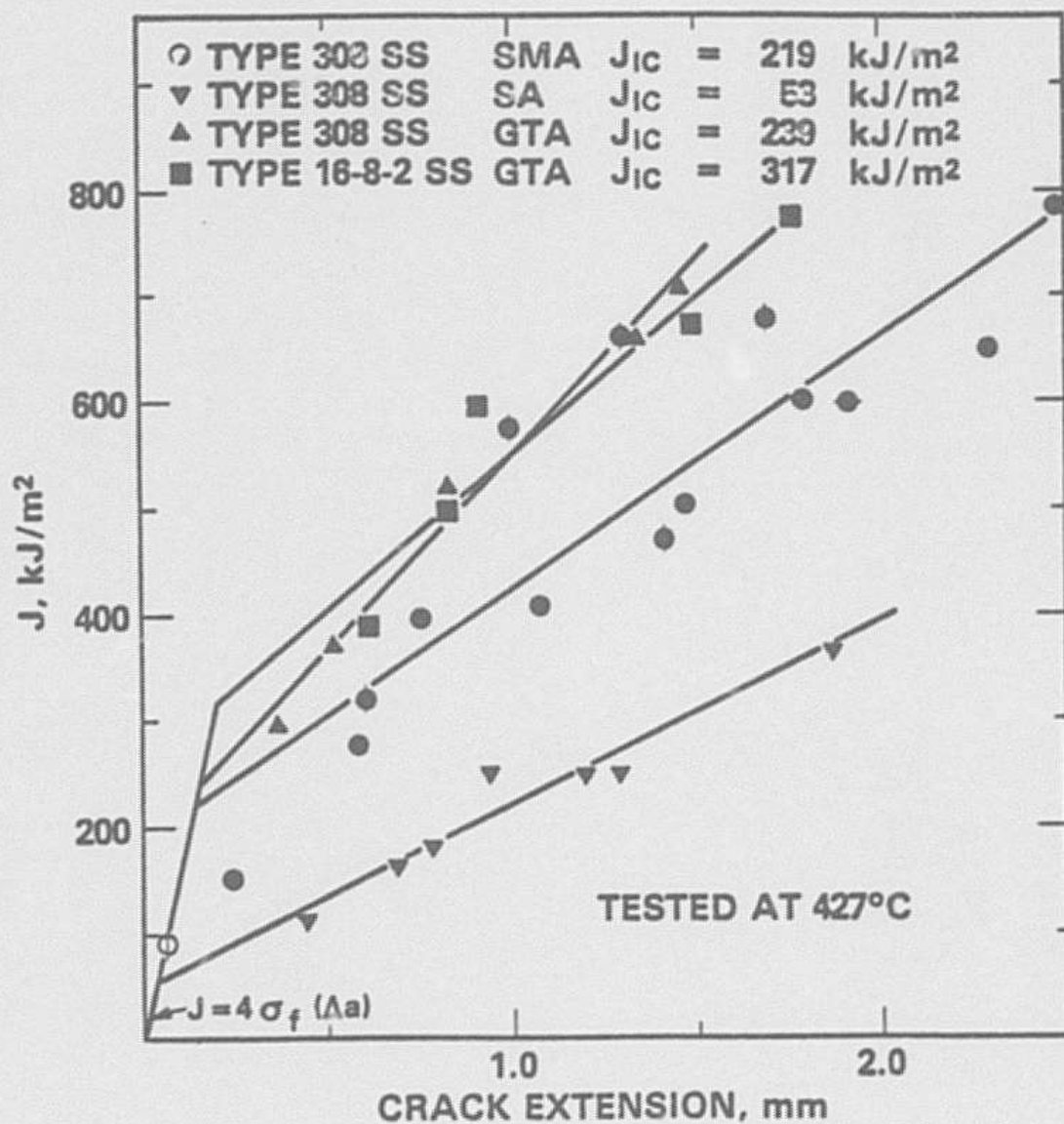
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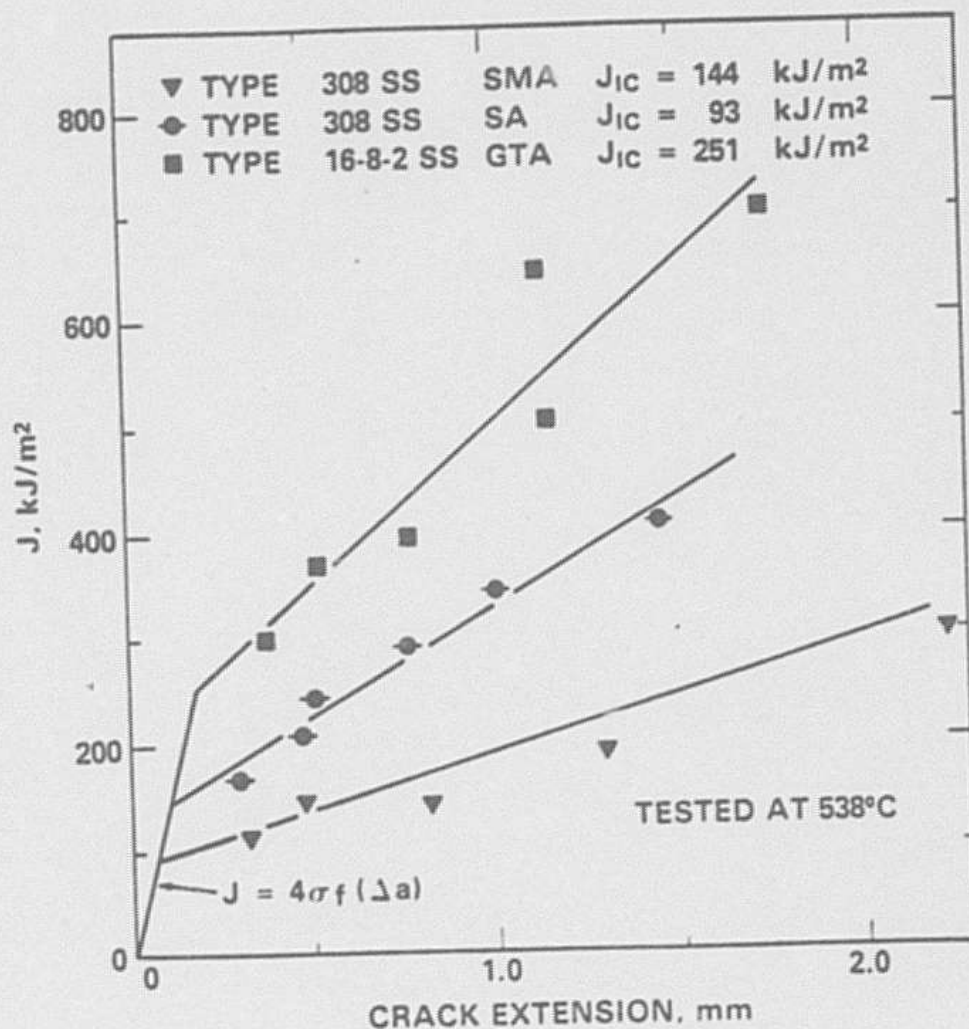
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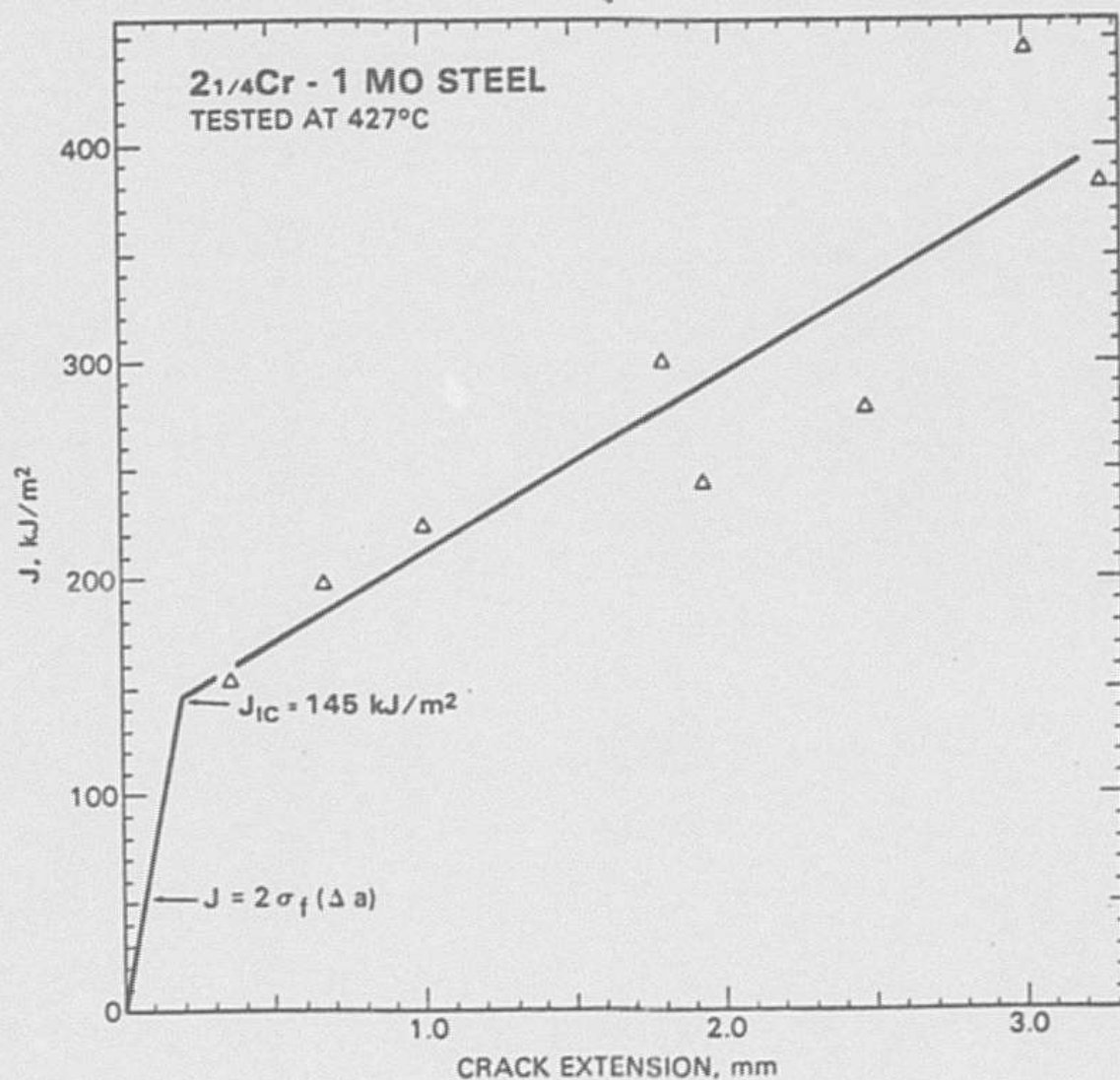
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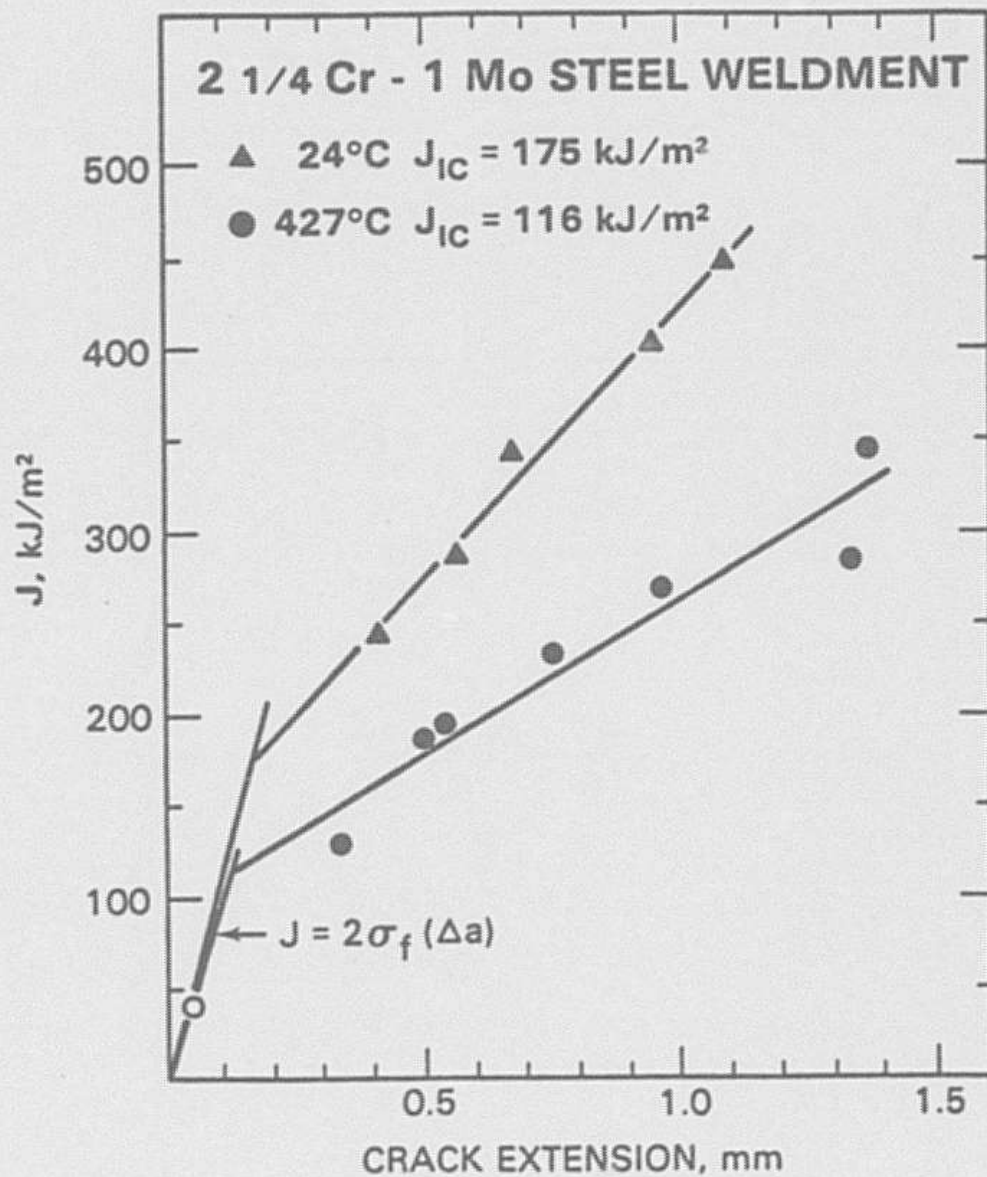
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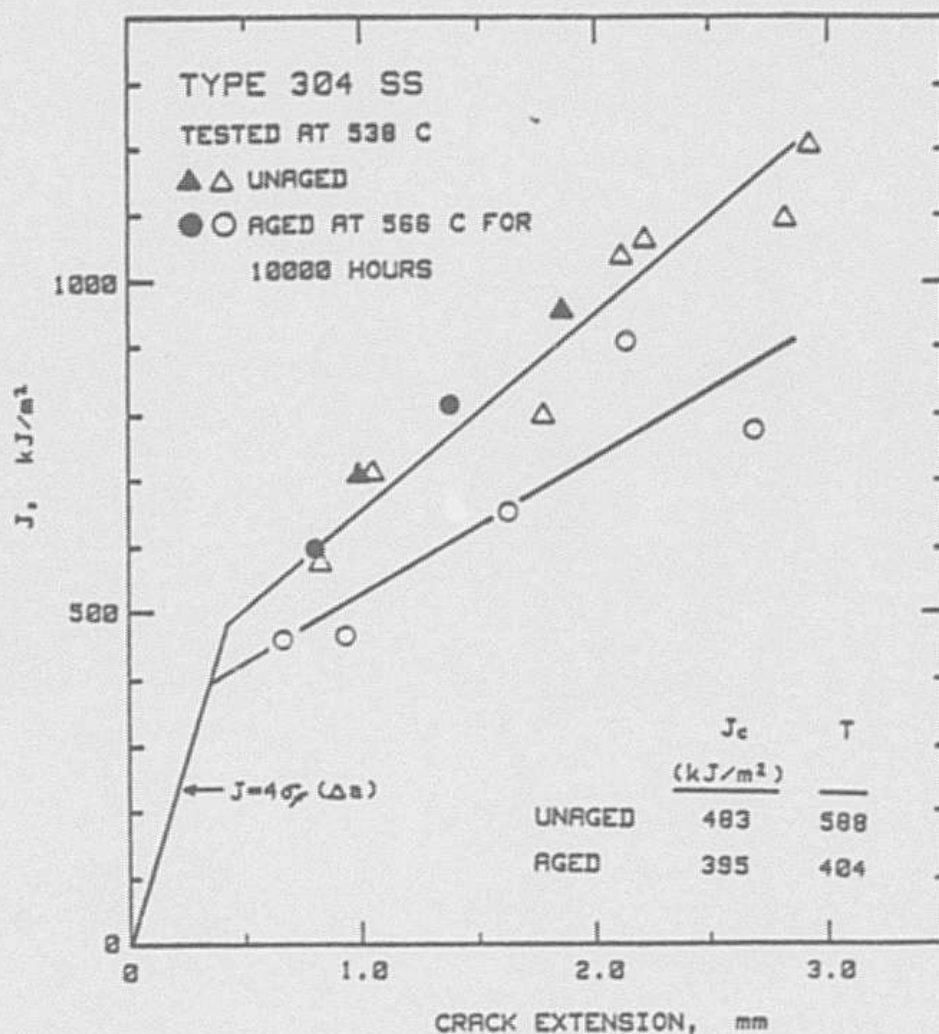
J-INTEGRAL FRACTURE TOUGHNESS OF 2 1/4Cr-1Mo PLATE AT 800 F



J-INTEGRAL FRACTURE TOUGHNESS
OF 2 1/4Cr-1Mo WELDMENTS
AT 75 F AND 800 F.



EFFECT OF THERMAL AGING ON J-INTEGRAL TOUGHNESS @ 1000 F TYPE 304 STAINLESS STEEL

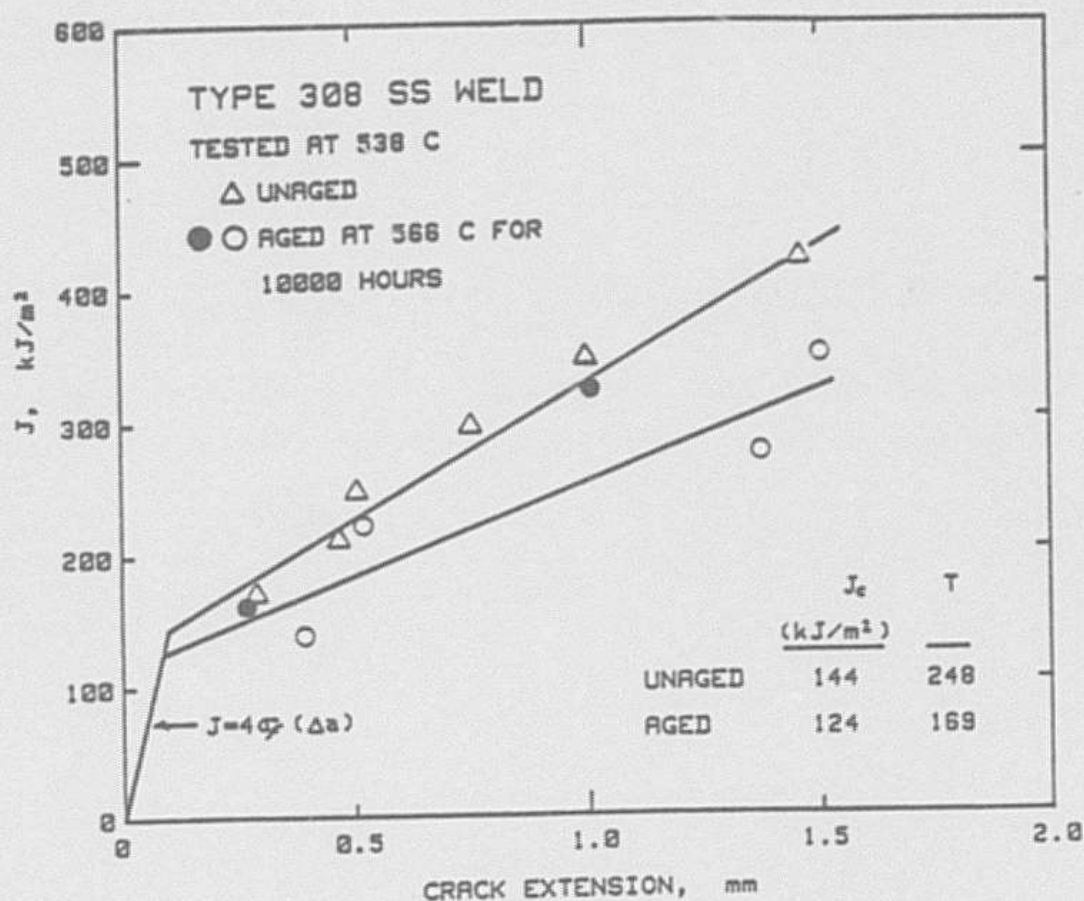


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CLOSED SYMBOLS - SEMI-DYNAMIC

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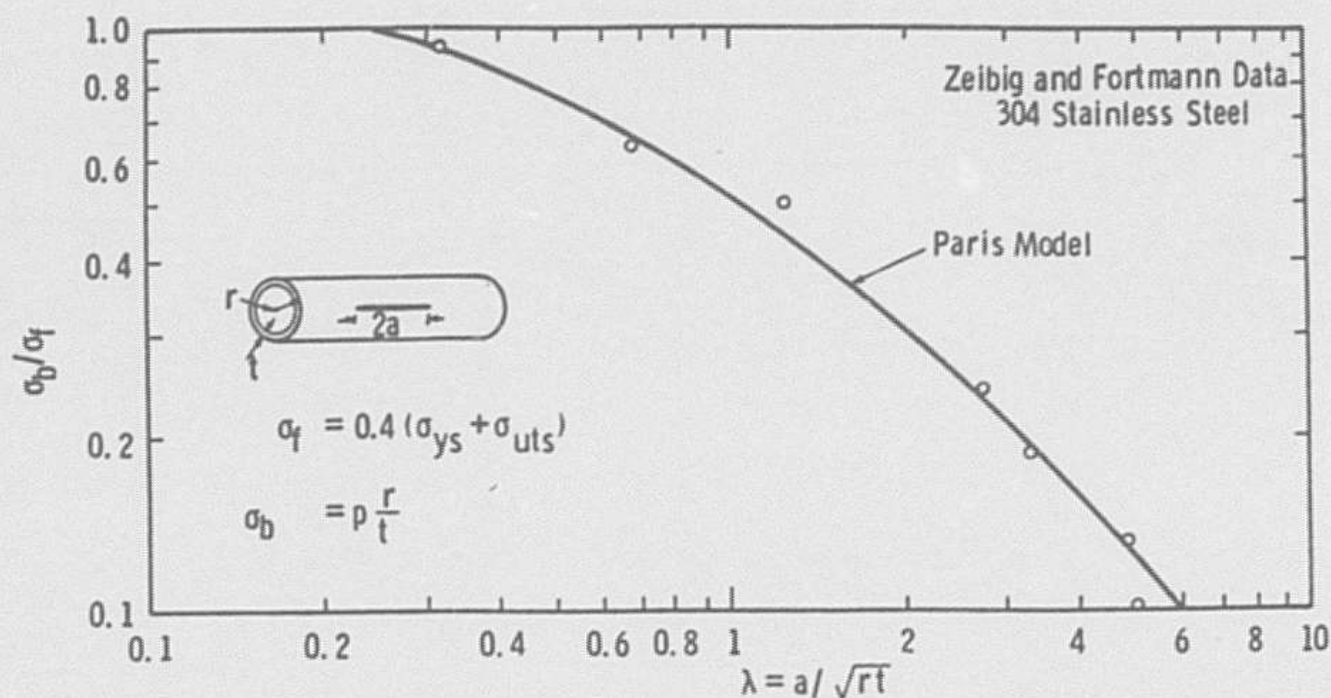


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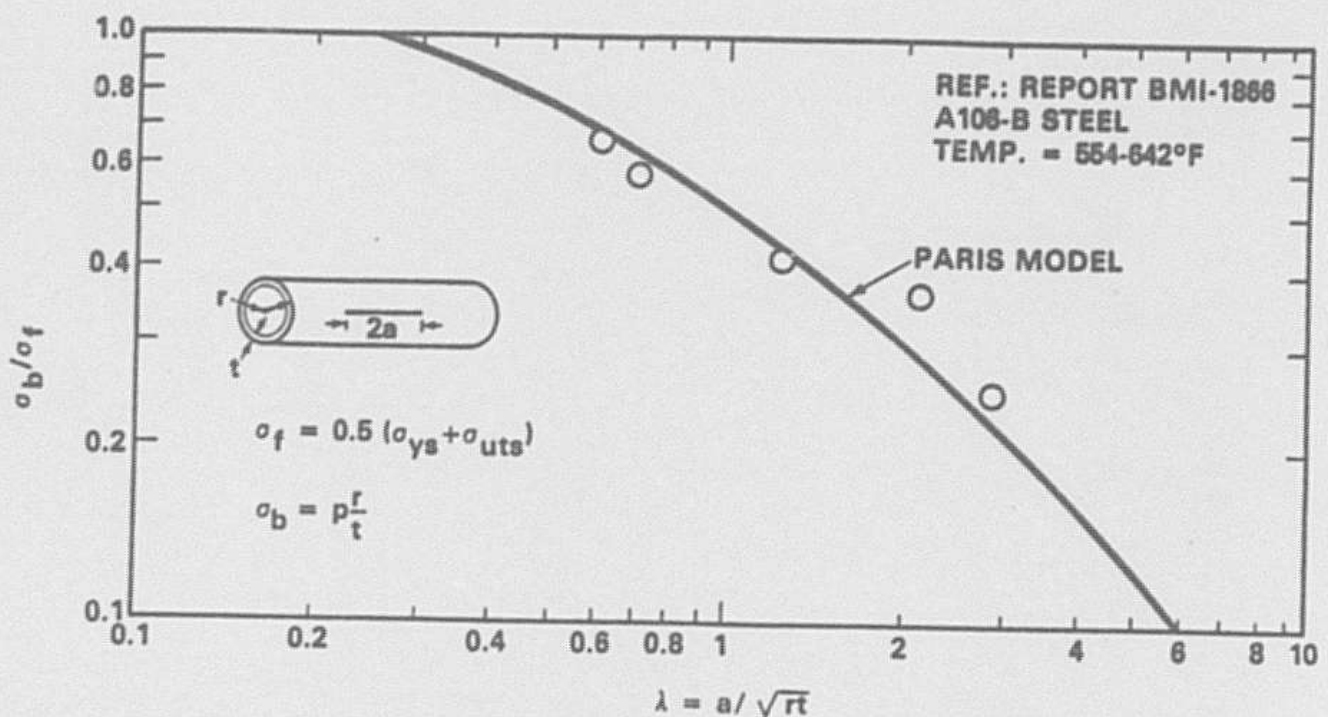
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USE OF THE PARIS MODEL TO PREDICT CRITICAL CRACK LENGTHS IN AUSTENITIC S.S. PIPES



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IN THE CRBR PHTS & IHTS PREDICT
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REVIEW OF FRACTURE MECHANICS MATERIALS PROPERTIES IN SUPPORT OF CRBR PIPING INTEGRITY ANALYSES

SUMMARY

- LARGE WELL-CHARACTERIZED DATA BASE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT BOTH FATIGUE-CRACK GROWTH AND FRACTURE TOUGHNESS ANALYSES
- THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF THE DATA PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE CONFIDENCE WHEN INPUT INTO THE INTEGRITY ANALYSES
- FRACTURE MECHANICS PROPERTIES COMPLEMENT THE MORE CONVENTIONAL MECHANICAL PROPERTIES AND CONFIRM THAT THE MATERIALS UTILIZED IN THE CRBR PIPING SYSTEMS ARE WELL-BEHAVED
- THE CONCLUSION IS THAT THE AVAILABLE DATA IS ADEQUATE FOR A SAFE RELIABLE DESIGN OF THE ELEVATED TEMPERATURE PIPING COMPONENTS FOR THE 30 YEAR PLANT LIFE

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REFERENCE FATIGUE CRACK

OBJECTIVE:

- DEVELOP THE BASIS FOR SPECIFYING A CONSERVATIVELY LARGE REFERENCE FATIGUE CRACK THAT CAN BE USED IN THE SELECTION OF DESIGN BASIS LEAKS FOR VARIOUS PLANT ITEMS.

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REFERENCE FATIGUE CRACK

APPROACH:

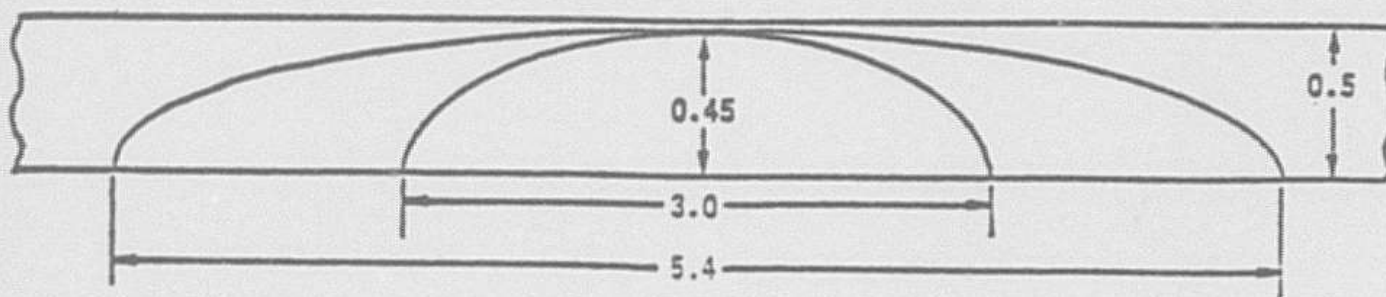
- POSTULATE A MUCH DEEPER AND LONGER INITIAL CRACK THAN THAT USED IN THE CRACK GROWTH ANALYSES.
- ANTICIPATED PLANT LOADINGS WOULD CAUSE A CRACK TO PENETRATE (AND HENCE LEAK) BEFORE IT GOT VERY LONG. IN THE REFERENCE FATIGUE CRACK CALCULATIONS WE ARBITRARILY HOLD THE CRACK DEPTH CONSTANT AND ONLY ALLOW GROWTH TO TAKE PLACE IN THE LENGTH DIRECTION. THIS CONSERVATIVELY MAXIMIZES THE CRACK LENGTH.
- ONCE THE ENTIRE PLANT DUTY CYCLE OF LOADINGS HAS BEEN APPLIED, AN EQUIVALENT THROUGH-WALL CRACK IS CALCULATED BY ASSUMING THAT PENETRATION OVER THAT PORTION OF THE LIGAMENT WHERE THE NOMINAL NET SECTION STRESS EXCEEDS THE YIELD STRENGTH.
- THE RESULTING EQUIVALENT THROUGH-WALL CRACK IS CALLED THE "REFERENCE FATIGUE CRACK," AND IS USED IN THE SELECTION OF DESIGN BASIS LEAKS FOR VARIOUS PLANT ITEMS.

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REFERENCE FATIGUE CRACK

DETAILS OF THE CALCULATION FOR THE PHTS:

- INITIAL CRACK WAS POSTULATED TO BE 0.45 INCH DEEP (90% OF WALL) AND 3.0 INCH LONG



- PLANT DUTY CYCLES EXTEND THE CRACK TO A SURFACE LENGTH OF 5.4 INCH. CRACK DEPTH WAS ABRITRARILY FIXED AT 0.45 INCH.
- EQUIVALENT THROUGH-WALL CRACK CALCULATED BY ASSUMING THAT WALL PENETRATION OCCURS OVER THAT PORTION OF THE UNCRACKED LIGAMENT WHERE THE NOMINAL NET SECTION STRESS EXCEEDS THE YIELD STRENGTH.
- THE CALCULATED LENGTH OF THE EQUIVALENT THROUGH-WALL CRACK IS 3.6 INCH AND THIS, WHEN ROUNDED OFF TO 4 INCHES, BECOMES THE "REFERENCE FATIGUE CRACK",

REFERENCE FATIGUE CRACK

CONSERVATISMS EMPLOYED:

- VERY LARGE POSTULATED INITIAL CRACK SIZE
- WALL PENETRATION (AND HENCE LEAKAGE) ARBITRARILY PREVENTED
- THROUGH-WALL FAILURE DEFINED AS REACHING THE MATERIAL YIELD STRENGTH
- LENGTH "ROUNDED OFF" TO 4 INCHES FROM A CALCULATED 3.6 INCHES
- LOCATION CHOSEN HAD HIGHEST STRESSES, HENCE, RESULTS ARE CONSERVATIVE FOR ALL OTHER PHTS LOCATIONS.

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