

# **Curve Fitting Crack Growth Rate Data from the Fracture Mechanics Database**

James A. Harter

Anthony Sadler

LexTech, Inc.

# AFGROW | AFMAT

Crack Growth Database

- Home
- Product
- Reference
- Specimen
- Test Profile

[AF Mat](#) > Home

## Online Crack Growth Database

- [-] Alloy Steels
- [-] Aluminum
  - [-] Aluminum 1100 Alloys
  - [-] Aluminum 2000/6000 Alloys
  - [-] Aluminum 5000 Alloys
  - [-] Aluminum 7000/8000 Alloys
  - [-] Aluminum Casting Alloys
  - [-] Aluminum-Lithium Alloys
- [-] Beryllium/Beryllium Alloys
- [-] Brass
- [-] Bronze
- [-] Copper/Copper Alloys
- [-] Iron Alloys
- [-] Magnesium Alloys
- [-] Molybdenum/Molybdenum Alloys
- [-] Nickel Based Super Alloys
- [-] Niobium/Niobium Alloys
- [-] Solders
- [-] Stainless Steels
- [-] Titanium Alloys
  - BETA 21S
  - BETA C
  - BETA III TI
  - CORONA 5
  - TMT 130 CP (LOW O2)

Id	Data Source	Condition Heat Treatment	Property Type	Alloy	Environment
<a href="#">20240</a>	Purdue Aging Aircraft Data		Fatigue Life (a vs N)	7075-T6	Unknown
<a href="#">19667</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O	Unknown
<a href="#">19668</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O	Unknown
<a href="#">19669</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O	Unknown
<a href="#">19670</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O	Unknown
<a href="#">19671</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O(5183 FM)	Unknown
<a href="#">19672</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O	Unknown
<a href="#">19673</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O	Unknown
<a href="#">19674</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O	LN2
<a href="#">19675</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O	LN2
<a href="#">19676</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O	LN2
<a href="#">19677</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O	LN2
<a href="#">19678</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O(5183 FM)	LN2
<a href="#">19679</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O	LN2
<a href="#">19680</a>	Additional NASA Data	UNK	Plane Strain Fracture Toughness (K1C)	5083-O	LN2

- The AFGROW Fracture Mechanics Database was used to search for crack growth rate data for 7050-T74 Aluminum
- A large amount of data were available for plate and extrusion products
- The data were fit manually fit in Excel
- The Harter T-Method was used to provided continuity in the curve fits as a function of the stress ratio (R)

# Using the Database Search Engine

Test Profile - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

Test Profile +

afgrow.net/afmat/testprofile.aspx

AFGROW | AFMAT  
Crack Growth Database

Home Product Reference Specimen Test Profile

AF Mat > Test Profile

## Test Profile

X >> Alloy Is 7050

X >> and Property Type Is Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)

X >> and Condition Heat Treatment Is T7451

and Alloy Is 0.22MO Add

Display Results

Aluminum	Id	Alloy	Data Source	Condition Heat Treatment	Property Type	Environment
	<a href="#">12850</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12851</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12852</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12853</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12854</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12855</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12856</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12857</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12858</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12859</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12860</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12861</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12862</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12863</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR
	<a href="#">12864</a>	7050	AIR FORCE	T7451	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)	LAB AIR

Page size: 15

69 items in 5 pages

General Specimen Reference Product Test and Data Plot

Basic Information

Data Source:	AIR FORCE		
Property Type:	Fatigue Crack Growth Rate (da/dN vs delta K)		
Alloy:	7050		
Environment:	LAB AIR		
Date:		Heat Nbr:	
Humidity:	104		
Kic1:		KicH:	
Rcl:		Rch:	
Strength:		Temperature:	75
Ysh:		Ysl:	

General Specimen Reference Product Test and Data Plot

Specimen





Type:	Center Cracked Panel (CCP) (Max Load Specified)		
Orientation:	L-T		
Width:	4.001	Thickness:	0.25

General Specimen Reference Product Test and Data Plot

Product

Form Type:	Plate	Thickness:	0.5
------------	-------	------------	-----

Test Information					
Stress Ratio:	0.55	Specimen Description:		Stress Intensity Format:	1
Composition:		Joint Preparation:		Wave Form:	0
Preheat Temperature:		Frequency High:	10	Interpass Temperature:	
Frequency Low:	0	Postheat Temperature:		Percent Reduction in Area:	
Percent Elongation:		Voltage:		Amperage:	
Tensile Test Orientation:	0	Tensile Test Temperature:		Heat Input:	
Test Standard Year:		Test Standard:		Travel Speed:	
Filler Size/Diameter:		Filler Type/Name:	0	Data Source:	1
Reduction Method:	3	Error Criteria:	000XX301*XX	Pressure:	
Notch Length:	0	Product Width:	0	Total Side Groove Depth:	

   				
Data Code	dAdN	Delta K	Max Load	K Max
T	5.036E-08	1.8968	5	0
T	5.684E-08	1.9634	5	0
T	6.286E-08	2.0244	5	0
T	8.386E-08	2.1084	5	0
T	1.085E-07	2.2387	5	0
T	1.2089E-07	2.3699	5	0
T	1.3024E-07	2.509	5	0
T	1.5032E-07	2.7026	5	0
T	1.6426E-07	2.8086	5	0
T	1.8681E-07	2.9852	5	0
T	2.157E-07	3.1908	5	0
T	2.4705E-07	3.3797	5	0
T	3.1014E-07	3.6063	5	0

# Approach

- The data were imported to excel according to product form, grain orientation, environment, etc.
- A single set of growth rates were selected to allow a smooth curve to be created using a log-log interpolation between rate points
- The data for each available stress ratio were manually fit to capture the “average” behavior using engineering judgment
- m-values were calculated at each rate point and plotted to check for smoothness



# Example: 7050-T74

0			0.1			0.5			0.8			0			0.1			0.5			0.8		
R=0			R=0.1			R=0.5			R=0.8				R=0	R=0.1	R=0.5	R=0.8							
delta K	da/dn	m (0,0.1)	delta K	da/dn	m (0.1,0.5)	delta K	da/dn	m (0.5,0.8)	delta K	da/dn			delta K	delta K	delta K	delta K							
1.71	1.00E-09	0.66099176	1.65	1.00E-09	0.6585994	1.35	1.00E-09	0.6559845	0.985	1.00E-09			0.66099	0.658599	0.655984		1.71043	1.65	1.35	0.985			
1.73	2.00E-09	0.66498093	1.67	2.00E-09	0.6631212	1.37	2.00E-09	0.6672886	1.01	2.00E-09			0.66498	0.663121	0.667289		1.73034	1.67	1.37	1.01			
1.762	1.00E-08	0.68788671	1.705	1.00E-08	0.7185105	1.445	1.00E-08	0.7219435	1.12	1.00E-08			0.68789	0.71851	0.721943		1.75632	1.705	1.445	1.12			
1.81	2.00E-08	0.68004089	1.75	2.00E-08	0.7658651	1.525	2.00E-08	0.7653799	1.23	2.00E-08			0.68004	0.765865	0.76538		1.79371	1.75	1.525	1.23			
2.015	4.00E-08	0.68878453	1.95	4.00E-08	0.7665801	1.7	4.00E-08	0.7644661	1.37	4.00E-08			0.68878	0.76658	0.764466		1.99855	1.95	1.7	1.37			
2.19	6.00E-08	0.69167335	2.12	6.00E-08	0.7682315	1.85	6.00E-08	0.7855754	1.52	6.00E-08			0.69167	0.768231	0.785575		2.17241	2.12	1.85	1.52			
2.397	8.00E-08	0.69010431	2.32	8.00E-08	0.7474934	2	8.00E-08	0.8226339	1.7	8.00E-08			0.6901	0.747493	0.822634		2.38255	2.32	2	1.7			
2.74	1.00E-07	0.68300952	2.65	1.00E-07	0.6833847	2.2	1.00E-07	0.8108988	1.85	1.00E-07			0.68301	0.683385	0.810899		2.73989	2.65	2.2	1.85			
4.2	2.00E-07	0.67823286	4.06	2.00E-07	0.5546876	3.125	2.00E-07	0.7564708	2.5	2.00E-07			0.67823	0.554688	0.756471		4.25503	4.06	3.125	2.5			
5.1	4.00E-07	0.60091087	4.89	4.00E-07	0.5484136	3.75	4.00E-07	0.7564708	3	4.00E-07			0.60091	0.548414	0.756471		5.12829	4.89	3.75	3			
5.45	6.00E-07	0.55432087	5.2	6.00E-07	0.5536403	4	6.00E-07	0.7834192	3.28	6.00E-07			0.55432	0.55364	0.783419		5.45039	5.2	4	3.28			
5.65	8.00E-07	0.57045966	5.4	8.00E-07	0.5724394	4.2	8.00E-07	0.7978995	3.49	8.00E-07			0.57046	0.572439	0.7979		5.64882	5.4	4.2	3.49			
5.935	1.00E-06	0.53292291	5.65	1.00E-06	0.5551452	4.35	1.00E-06	0.7995158	3.62	1.00E-06			0.53292	0.555145	0.799516		5.92112	5.65	4.35	3.62			
7.26	2.00E-06	0.51729149	6.9	2.00E-06	0.5187662	5.2	2.00E-06	0.8077176	4.36	2.00E-06			0.51729	0.518766	0.807718		7.25887	6.9	5.2	4.36			
9.65	4.00E-06	0.54675211	9.2	4.00E-06	0.4605254	6.7	4.00E-06	0.8235916	5.7	4.00E-06			0.54675	0.460525	0.823592		9.73807	9.2	6.7	5.7			
13.75	1.00E-05	0.54037247	13.1	1.00E-05	0.5406035	10	1.00E-05	0.6787362	7.45	1.00E-05			0.54037	0.540603	0.678736		13.7497	13.1	10	7.45			
17.05	2.00E-05	0.63108695	16.4	2.00E-05	0.6307087	13.2	2.00E-05	0.5820189	9	2.00E-05			0.63109	0.630709	0.582019		17.0507	16.4	13.2	9			
21.075	4.00E-05	0.69103603	20.4	4.00E-05	0.6898168	17	4.00E-05	0.5149459	10.9	4.00E-05			0.69104	0.689817	0.514946		21.0777	20.4	17	10.9			
28.5	0.0001	0.66099176	27.5	0.0001	0.6773985	22.75	0.0001	0.4504732	13.75	0.0001			0.66099	0.677399	0.450473		28.4508	27.5	22.75	13.75			
35.15	0.0002	0.60016539	33.7	0.0002	0.6541061	27.5	0.0002	0.4089242	16	0.0002			0.60017	0.654106	0.408924		34.9508	33.7	27.5	16			
43.45	0.0004	0.56418755	41.5	0.0004	0.5841121	32.5	0.0004	0.3398879	17.75	0.0004			0.56419	0.584112	0.339888		43.3589	41.5	32.5	17.75			
49.5	0.0006	0.46764244	46.8	0.0006	0.5178222	35.25	0.0006	0.3022914	18.6	0.0006			0.46764	0.517822	0.302291		49.239	46.8	35.25	18.6			
53.2	0.0008	0.41120936	50	0.0008	0.4738801	36.7	0.0008	0.2901008	19.15	0.0008			0.41121	0.47388	0.290101		52.8499	50	36.7	19.15			
56.5	0.001	0.39304848	53	0.001	0.4451246	38.25	0.001	0.2647213	19.5	0.001			0.39305	0.445125	0.264721		56.1908	53	38.25	19.5			
76	0.004	0.3540895	71	0.004	0.2615714	46	0.004	0.0964423	20.1	0.004			0.35409	0.261571	0.096442		76.7445	71	46	20.1			
85.8	0.008	0.33568689	80	0.008	0.200384	50	0.008	0.0216117	20.4	0.008			0.33569	0.200384	0.021612		87.0319	80	50	20.4			
88.5	0.01	0.27597825	82	0.01	0.1837045	50.75	0.01	0.0106997	20.5	0.01			0.27598	0.183704	0.0107		89.3646	82	50.75	20.5			

# Calculating $m$ -values

$$m = 1 + \left[ \log_{10} \left( \frac{\Delta K_1}{\Delta K_2} \right) / \log_{10} \left( \frac{(1 - R_2)}{(1 - R_1)} \right) \right] \quad \text{if } R_1 \text{ and } R_2 \geq 0$$

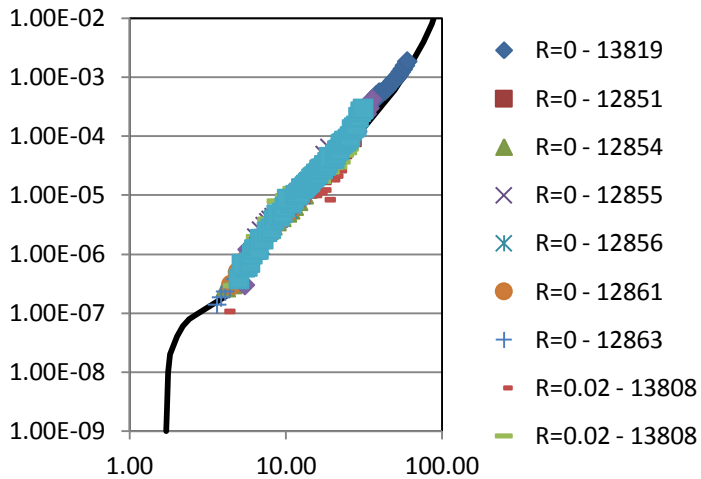
$$m = 1 + \left[ \log_{10} \left( \frac{K_{\max 1}}{\Delta K_2} \right) / \log_{10} \left( (1 - R_1)(1 - R_2) \right) \right] \quad \text{if } R_1 < 0 \text{ and } R_2 \geq 0$$

$$m = 1 - \left[ \log_{10} \left( \frac{K_{\max 1}}{K_{\max 2}} \right) / \log_{10} \left( \frac{(1 - R_2)}{(1 - R_1)} \right) \right] \quad \text{if } R_1 \text{ and } R_2 < 0$$

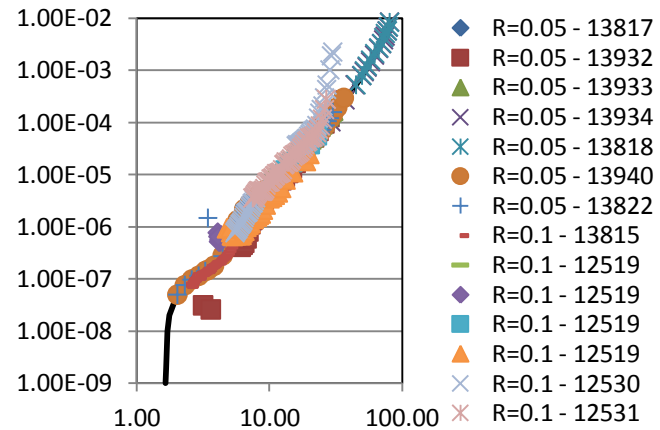
Note:  $0 \leq m \leq 1$

# 7050-T74 Plate

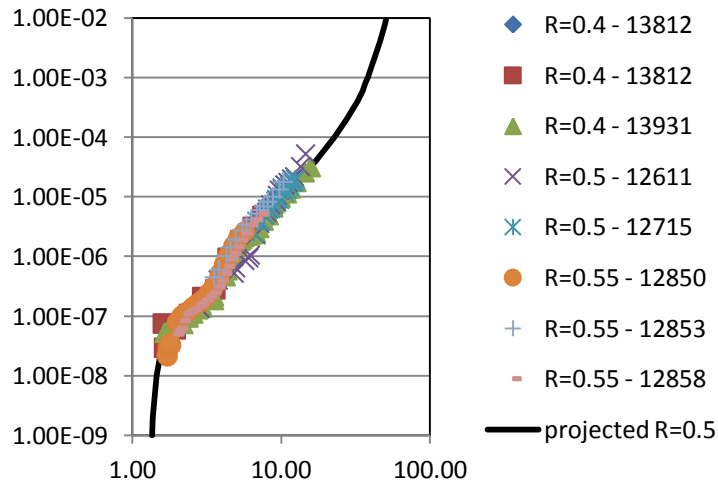
**R= 0**



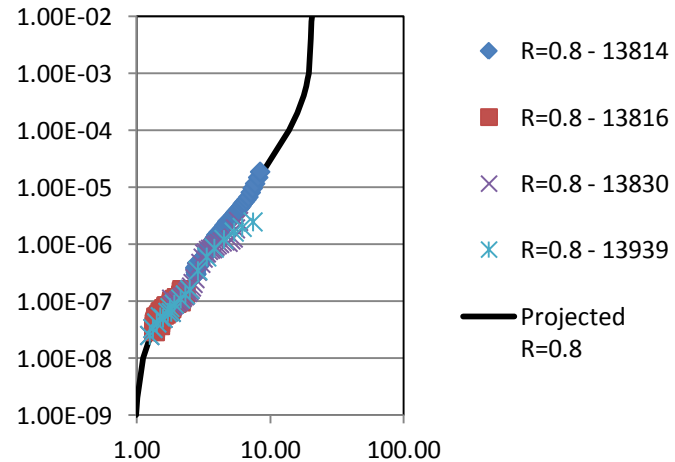
**R= 0.1**



**R= 0.5**

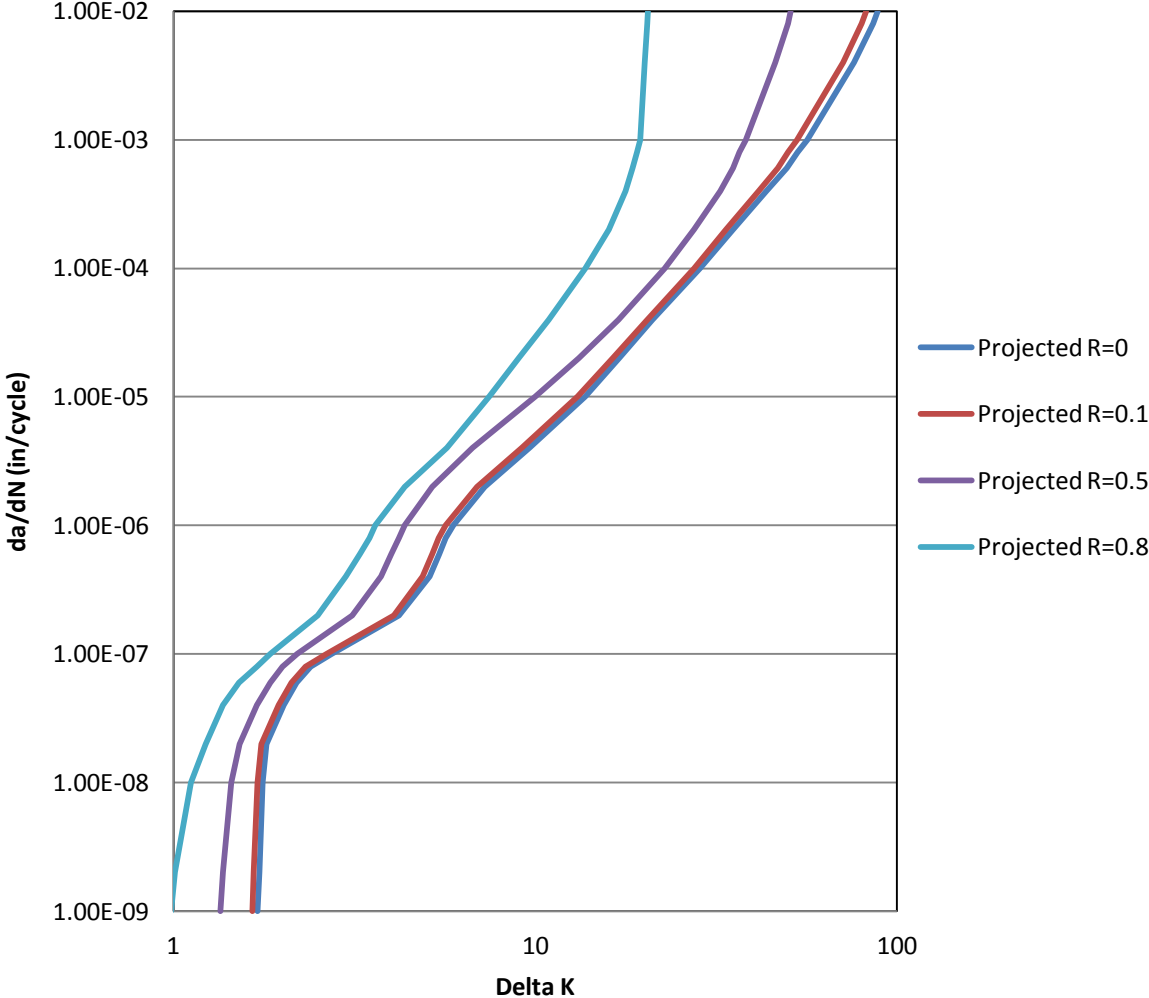


**R= 0.8**



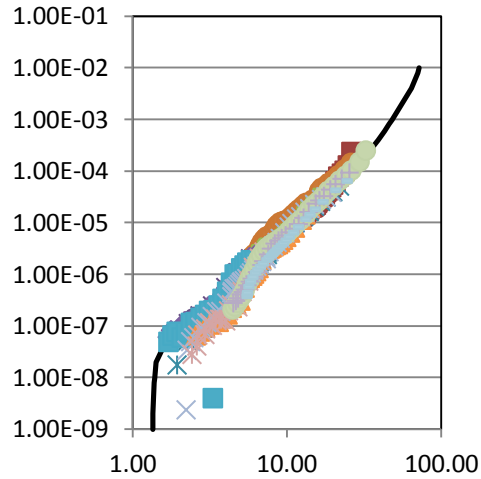
# 7050-T74 Plate

## Final Curve Fit



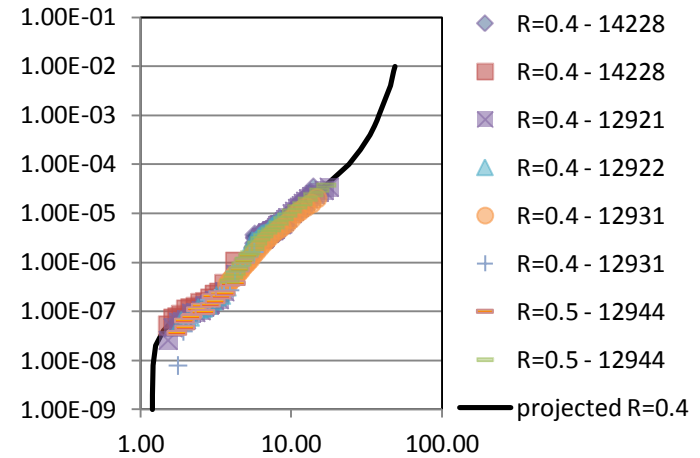
# 7050-T7451 Extrusion

**R=0.1**



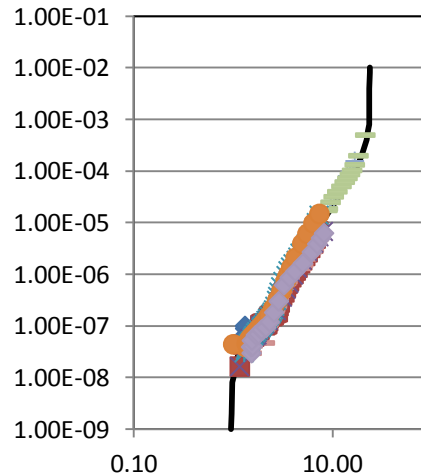
- ◆ R=0 - 12927
- R=0.1 - 14226
- × R=0.1 - 14229
- ✱ R=0.1 - 14236
- R=0.1 - 14242
- + R=0.1 - 14246
- R=0.1 - 14278
- R=0.1 - 12923
- ◆ R=0.1 - 12923

**R = 0.4**



- ◆ R=0.4 - 14228
- R=0.4 - 14228
- ✱ R=0.4 - 12921
- ▲ R=0.4 - 12922
- R=0.4 - 12931
- + R=0.4 - 12931
- R=0.5 - 12944
- R=0.5 - 12944
- projected R=0.4

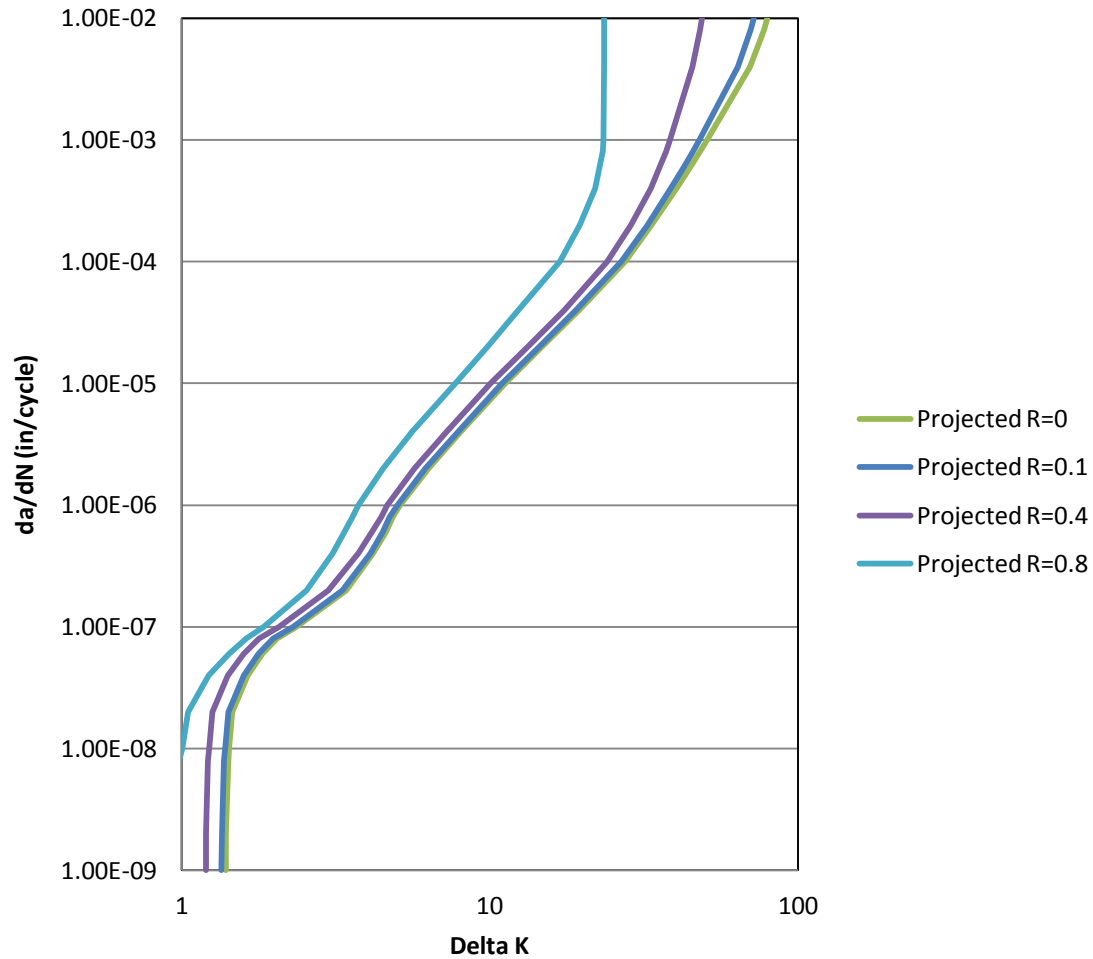
**R=0.8**



- R=0.8 - 14237
- + R=0.8 - 12927
- R=0.8 - 12932
- R=0.8 - 12956
- ◆ R=0.8 - 14227
- × R=0.8 - 14281
- ✱ R=0.8 - 12924
- R=0.8 - 14277
- ◆ R=0.8 - 12958
- Projected R=0.8

# 7050-T7451 Extrusion

## Final Curve Fit



**These curve fits will be included in the next AFGROW release in the tabular look-up format**

# Suggested Materials

2024-T3511

7175-T74

2024-T351

2024-T3

7075-T6

17-7PH

2024-T42

AMS6526

7075-T76

7075-T76511

4340

7075-T73



# Discussion

**Option to store read-only material data files  
in the on-line fracture mechanics database**