

Scrap Diameter of a Profiled Roll, Why It is Important to Understand This

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About Kaida Roll



- Founded in 1951
 - Over 480 employees
 - Designed annual production capacity: 50,000 tonnes, at present 40,000 tonnes
 - Kaida Roll is the third largest roll manufacturer in China
 - But is the largest in terms of section mill rolls produced in China.
- 46 years roll manufacturing experience
Company occupies: 10 hectares



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- 1. Introduction to long product roll failures**
- 2. Low cycle high stress fatigue – how this determines the discard diameter**
- 3. Conclusions**



1. Introduction to long product roll failures



Rolls are by their nature undergo cyclic loading, where the selection of the material is down to optimising the following key properties :

- Wear resistance - keep profile
- Toughness - do not crack easily
- Strength - Do not break
- Hardness - Do not indent
- Price - are affordable

However, often higher toughness is low hardness, higher strength is more expensive alloying / heat treatment.

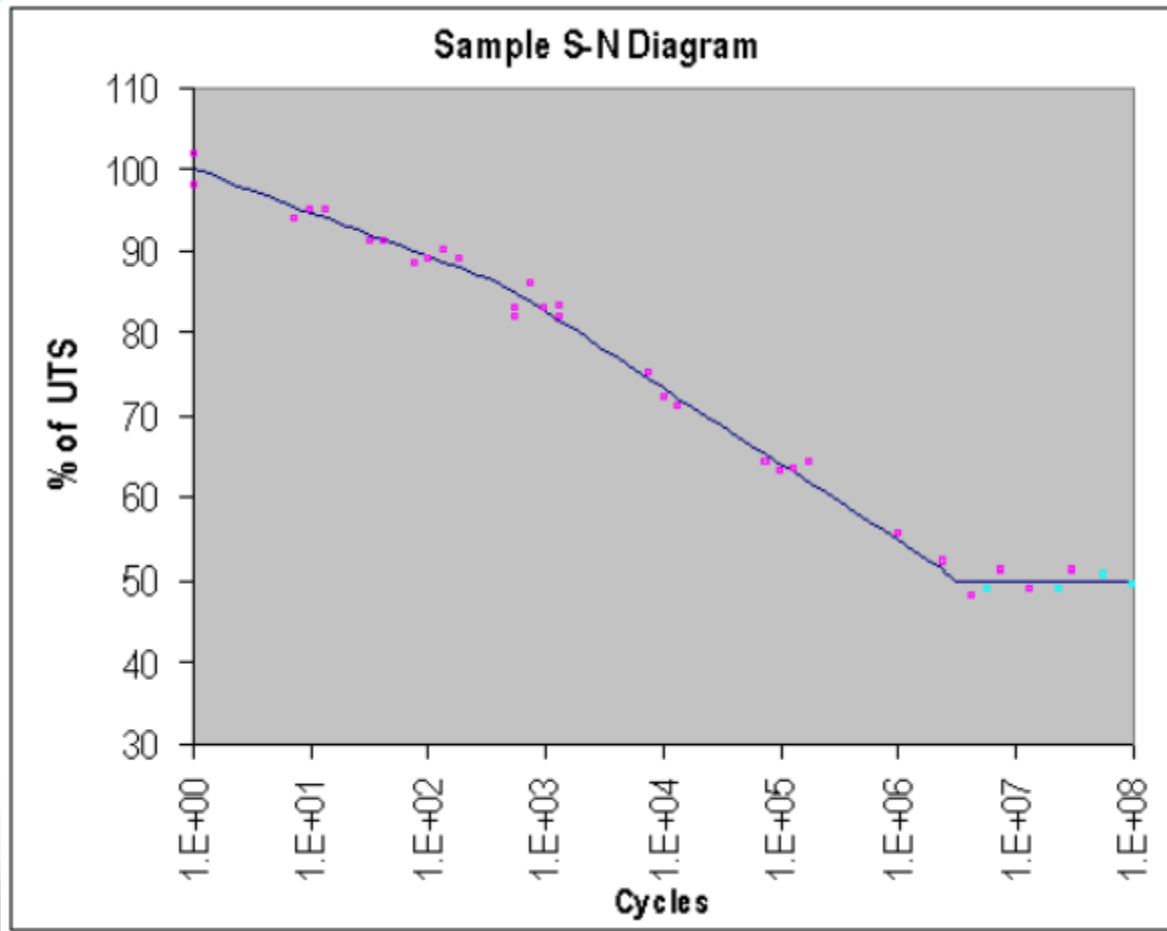
The aim is to select a roll grade that lasts the longest for the expense (value in use), won't break – within design usage.

Rolls are designed to work within their endurance limit – for crack initiation and crack growth.

Within the pass there are always thermal cracks – prevention of high stress, low cycle fatigue.

Roll design is used to avoid too deep passes and high rolling loads at the central passes of a two high roll.

Endurance limits for steels



Here it appears that the endurance limit should be 50% of the UTS.

Approximate definitions are :-

low cycle fatigue $< 10^4$

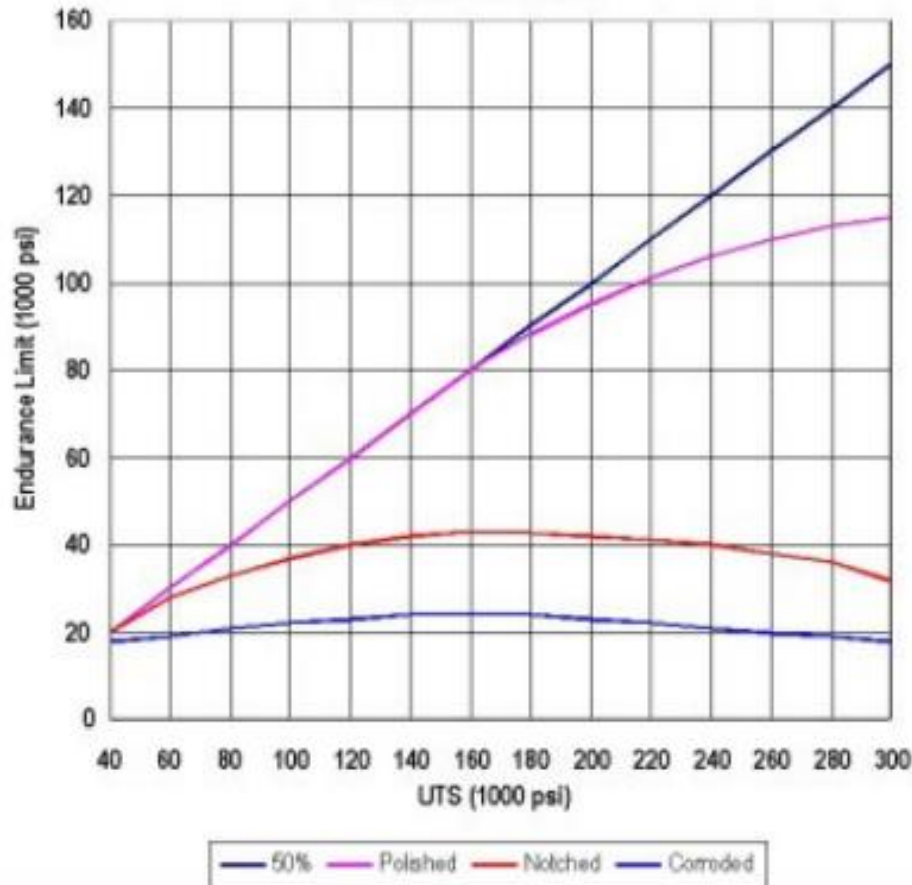
High cycle fatigue $> 10^4$



There are other factors as well for a roll in service – Mainly for high cycle low stress fatigue



Fatigue Behavior of Steel



In addition, rolls are not polished surfaces
– see this schematic from EPI Inc

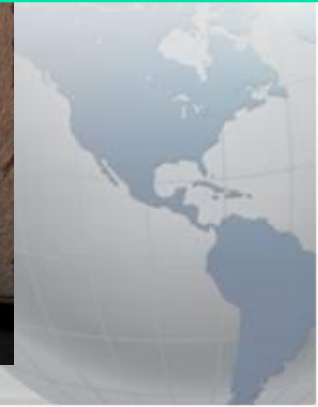
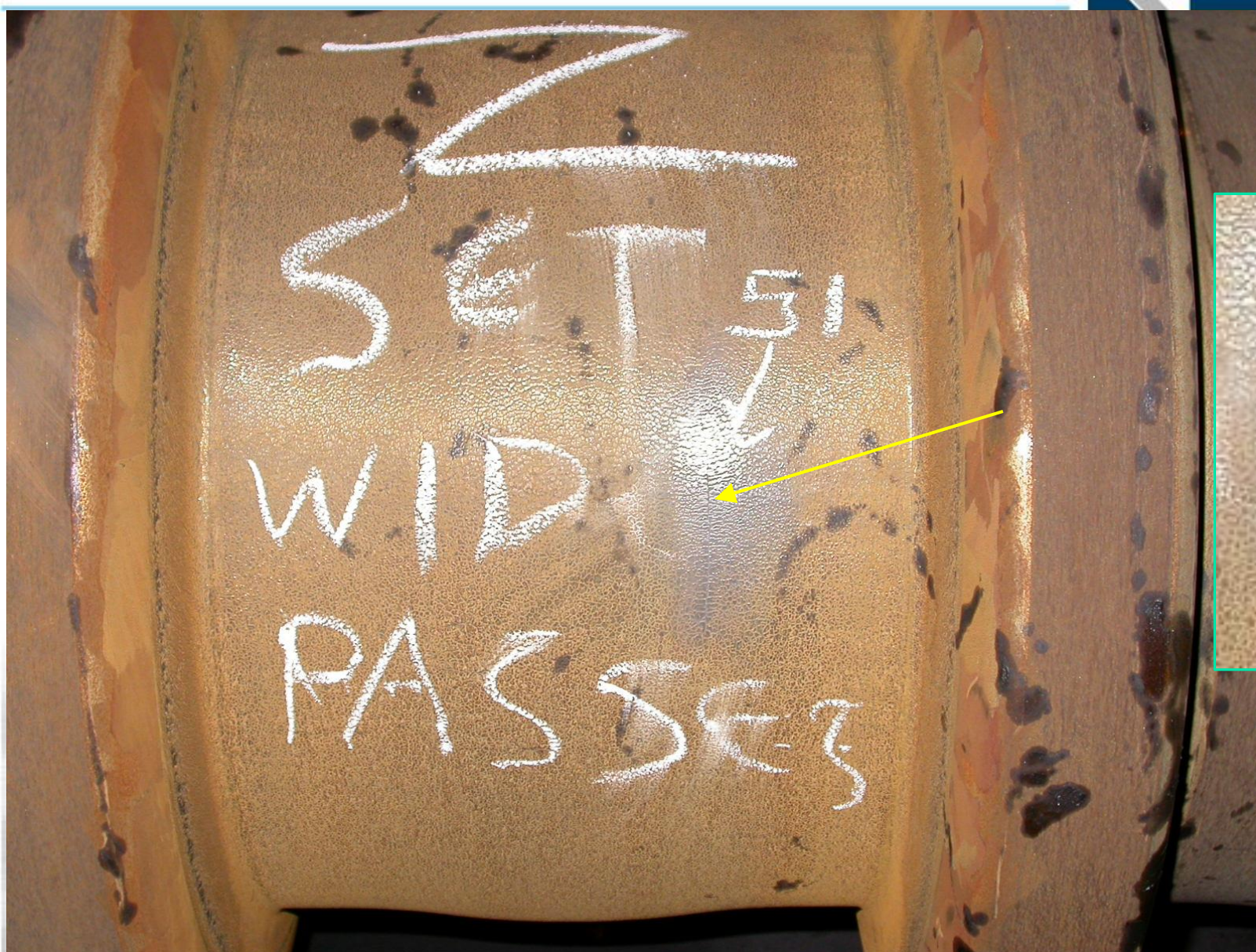
1. Surface Condition (k_a): such as: polished, ground, machined, as-forged, corroded, etc. Surface is perhaps the most important influence on fatigue life;
2. Size (k_b): This factor accounts for changes which occur when the actual size of the part or the cross-section differs from that of the test specimens;
3. Load (k_c): This factor accounts for differences in loading (bending, axial, torsional) between the actual part and the test specimens;
4. Temperature (k_d): This factor accounts for reductions in fatigue life which occur when the operating temperature of the part differs from room temperature (the testing temperature);
5. Reliability (k_e): This factor accounts for the scatter of test data. For example, an 8% standard deviation in the test data requires a k_e value of 0.868 for 95% reliability, and 0.753 for 99.9% reliability.
6. Miscellaneous (k_f): This factor accounts for reductions from all other effects, including residual stresses, corrosion, plating, metal spraying, fretting, and others

$$\text{Real-World Allowable Cyclic Stress} = k_a * k_b * k_c * k_d * k_e * k_f * EL$$

Box pass of roughing roll with 51mm deep stress crack



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A roughing roll failure in a box pass showing a 50mm deep pre-crack (same roll type as previous roll)



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At 750mm collar diameter, but crack = 50 mm depth, where discard calc = 690mm, however, with crack depth implies <650mm effective diameter. Note beach marks to 200mm depth, but these high stress low cycle fatigue.



2. Low cycle high stress fatigue – how this determines the discard diameter

Requirement is high enough fracture toughness (**K_{1C}**), which is is a Material's resistance to crack propagation :

$$K_{1c} = Y \times \sigma \times \sqrt{(\pi \times a)}$$

Where:

- K_{1C} is the fracture toughness,
- Y is a geometric factor,
- σ is the applied stress, and
- a is half the crack length.

The stress and geometric factors may be bending or tensile stress or both added together.

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Relation between strength and toughness – product of microstructure

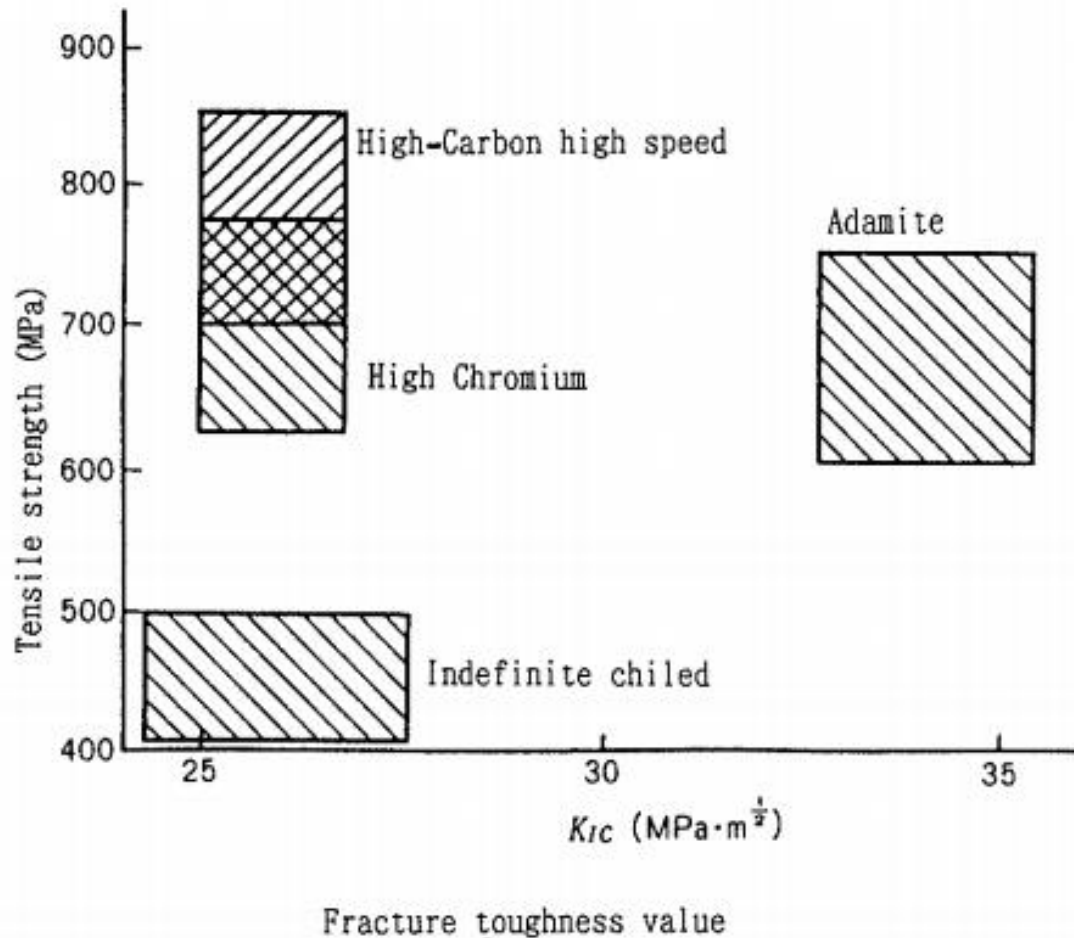


Fig. 6. Tensile strength and fracture toughness value of roll materials.

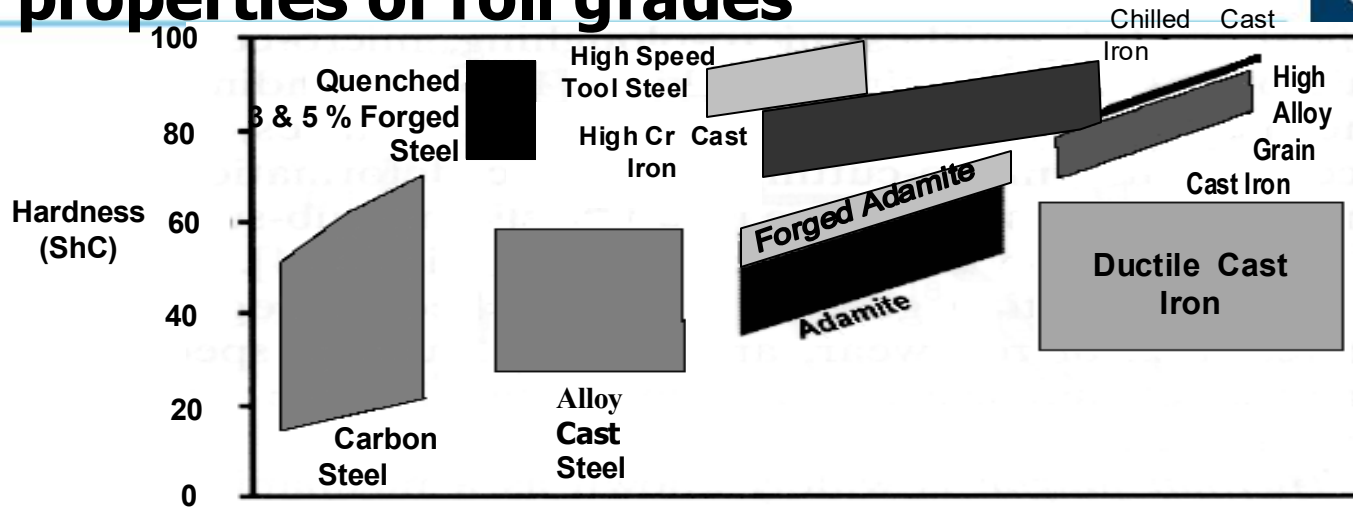
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However, crack growth calculations for long product rolls very time consuming – too many parameters and surface condition may be poor.

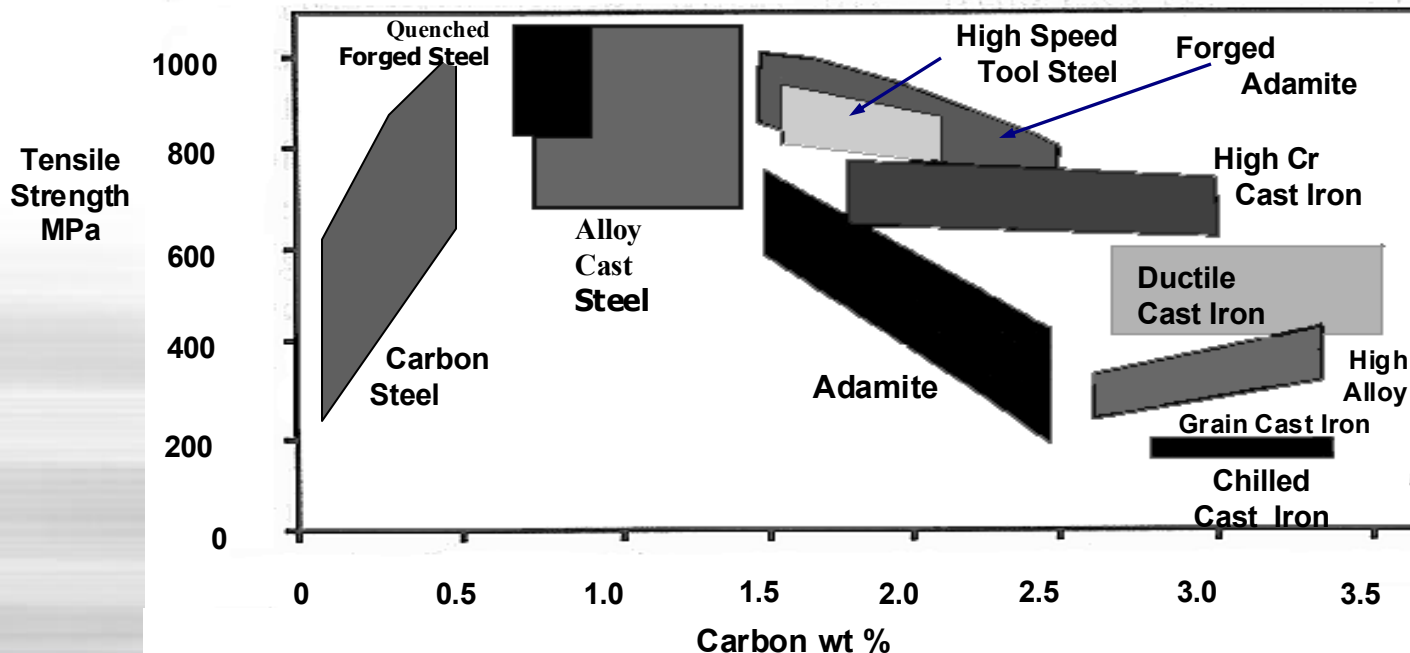
General schematic of mechanical properties of roll grades



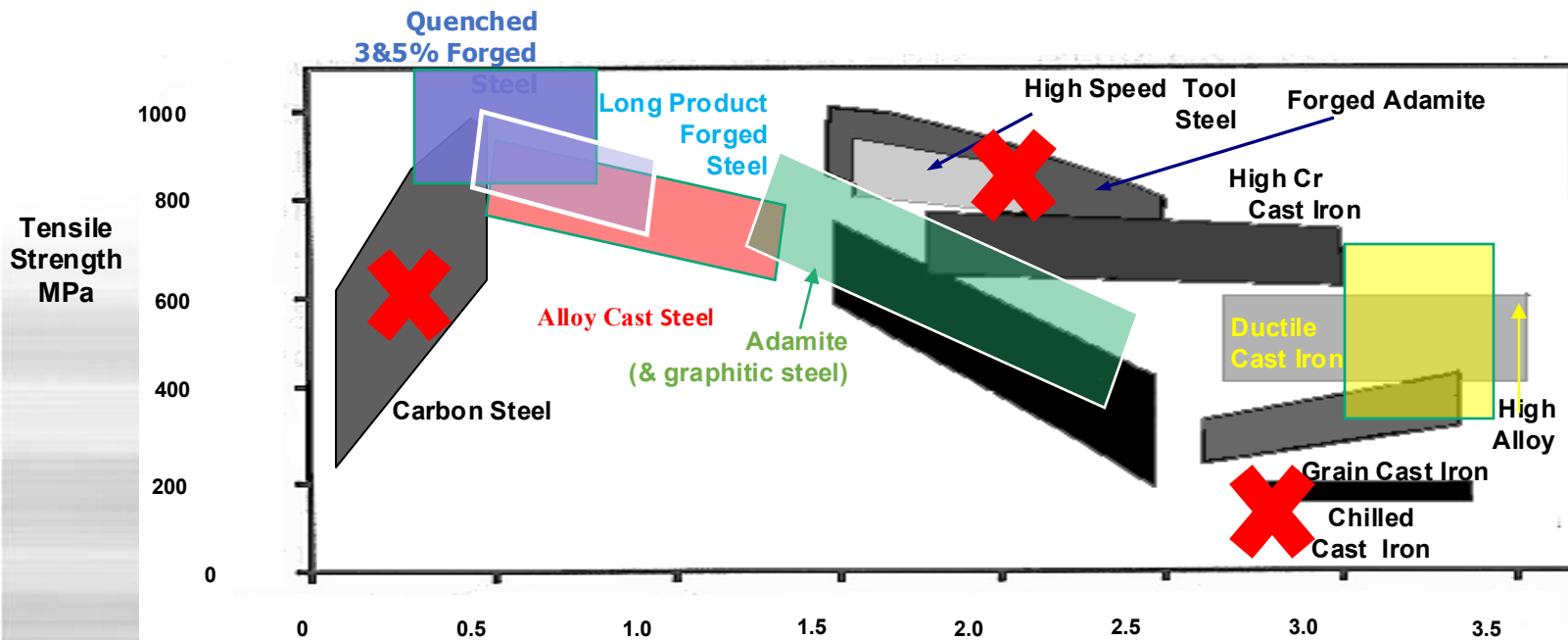
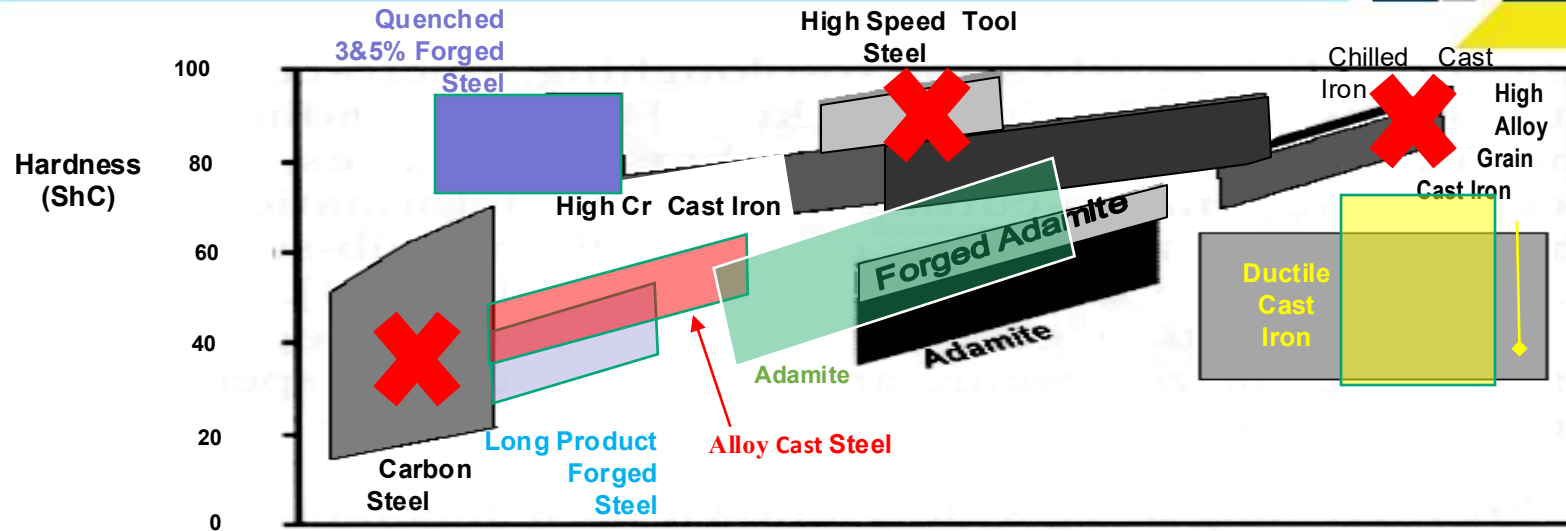
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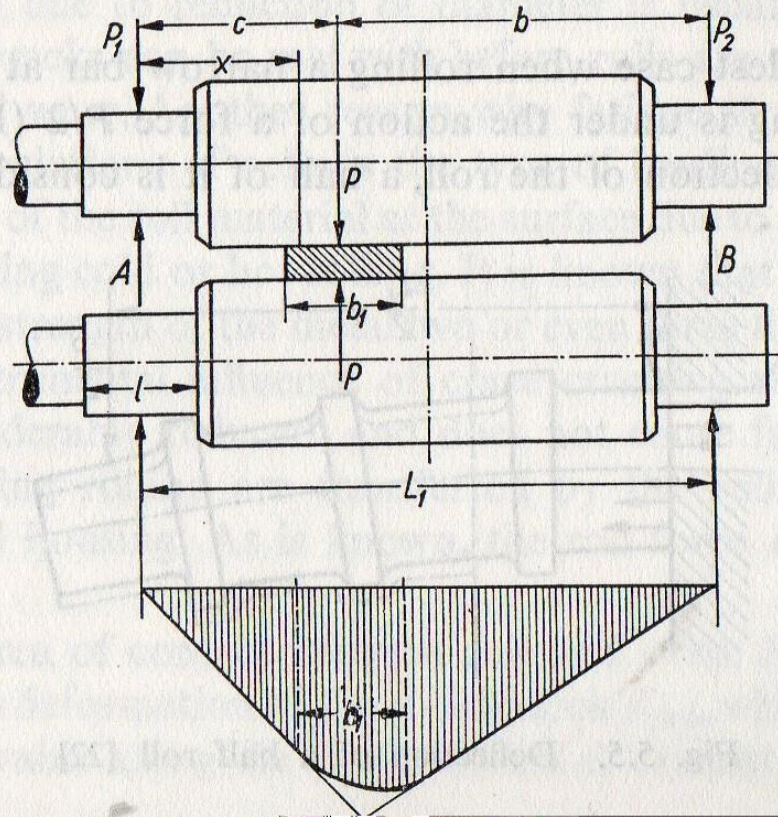
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Same schematic as previous but updated for modern long product rolls



Rolls and their permissible loading



There are several basic equations for the bending moment at any point of the barrel.
For this application $x \leq c - b_1/2$

A few of these equations are hereby stated:

$$M_b = \frac{P}{2} \cdot \frac{L_1}{2}$$

Maximum stress dependence on the moment and round cross-sectional bending modulus:

$$\sigma_b = \frac{M_b}{W_b}$$

$$\text{Where moment of inertia } I = W_b = \frac{\pi D^4}{64}$$

$$\text{and } M_b = B(L_1 - x) = Pc/L_1 (L_1 - x)$$

The roll when grooved and not plain barrel has an increase in the bending moment due to the concentration of stresses depending on radii of curvature etc, so becomes

$$M_b = 0.1D^3 \sigma_b \alpha_b$$

Where α_b takes into account stress concentrations and dependent on such factors, inter alia, D/d and r/d – radius at the smaller diameter, d for long products where there are multiple grooves or passes.

Equations of moments of inertia



This becomes for point b_1

$$\sigma_b = \frac{M_b}{0.1d^3}$$

Torques are taken into account using the equation:

$$\tau = \frac{M_t R}{\text{Moment of inertia of cross-section}} \simeq \frac{M_t D/2}{0.1D^4} \simeq \frac{M_t}{0.2D^3}$$

If the roll is subject to simultaneous bending and torsional moments, then the equivalent moment used for strength calculations is for steel rolls:

$$M'_b = \sqrt{M_b^2 + \frac{3}{4}M_t^2}$$

Correspondingly the formulae for calculation of compound stresses under simultaneous action of bending and torsion are :

$$\sigma'_b = \sqrt{\sigma_b^2 + 3\tau^2}$$

The lever arm rule for the torque is taken as:

$$M_t \simeq P \frac{l_d}{2} \simeq 0.5P\sqrt{R \Delta h}$$

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Equations for discards

$$\sigma'_b \sqrt{\sigma_b^2 + 3\tau^2} = \sqrt{\frac{100M_b^2}{D^6} + \frac{3M_b^2}{0.04D^6}}$$

Expanding

$$\sigma_b'^2 = \frac{100P^2}{D^6} \cdot \left[\frac{x(L_1 - c)}{L_1} \right]^2 + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{P^2 D \Delta h}{0.08 D^6}$$

Which when simplified leads to

$$D^6 = \left[\left(10P \frac{c}{L_1} (L_1 - x) \right)^2 + P^2 \frac{300}{32} D \Delta h \right] \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

Solving for the discard diameter gives:

$$D_{min} = \left[\left\{ \left[10 \frac{c}{L_1} (L_1 - x) \right]^2 + \frac{300}{32} D \Delta h \right\} \cdot \frac{P^2}{\sigma^2} \right]^{1/6} + D_{st} - D_{Bpt}$$

In practise the second group is largely substituted by a semi-empirical factor, where for D the break point diameter is used and the factor $300 \cdot \Delta h / 32$ by 8.5mm. The result is an accuracy within 1 - 2mm.

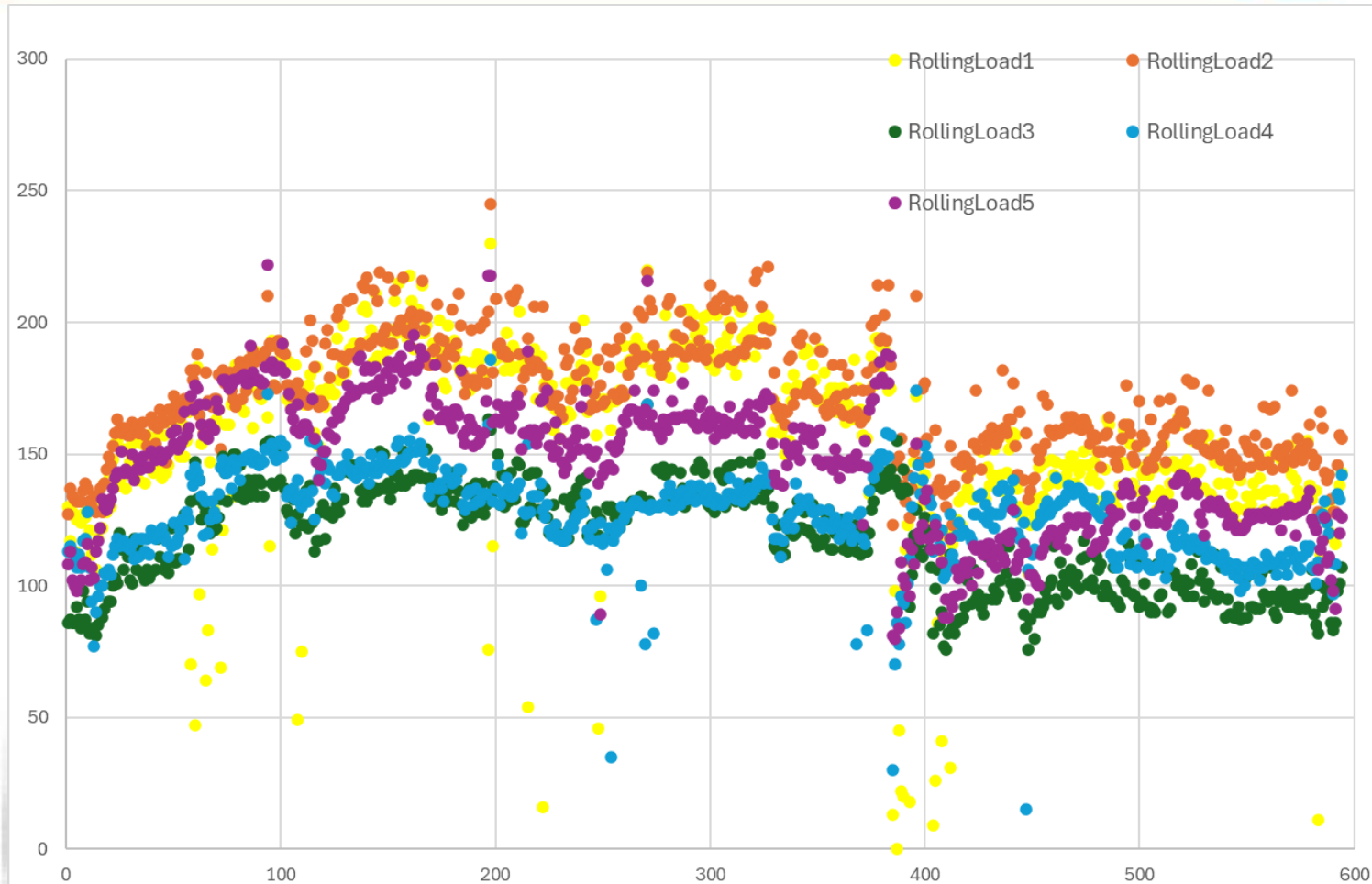
Note the 6th root for this equation gives the result a reasonable accuracy even for 5 to 10% inaccuracy of any of the parameters.



Practical assessment of rolling loads



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Load 1 $\approx 220t$

Load 2 $\approx 230t$

Load 3 $\approx 160t$

Load 4 $\approx 170t$

Load 5 $\approx 190t$

(W set)

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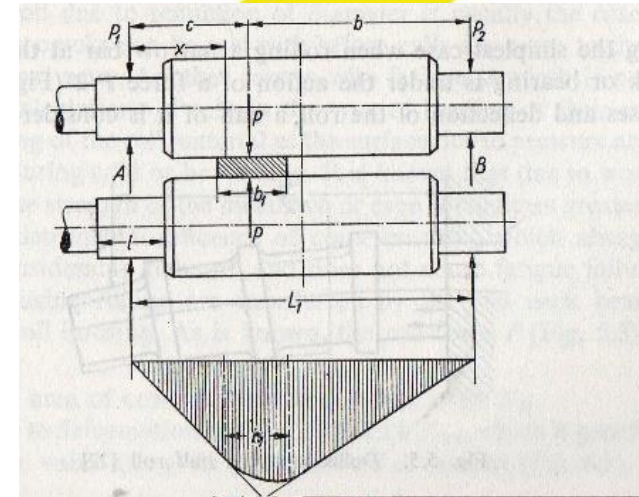
Example spreadsheet – Simplified W set

Four adjacent box passes 1- 4



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ROLL IN	GROOVE	1	2	3	3
DISCARD IN	GROOVE	1T	2T	3T	4T
BARREL TO	MID-PASS	275	656	799	509
BARREL TO	BREAK PT.	376	699	829	524
LOAD	tonnes	245	222	288	176
CENTRES	(MAX)	800	800	800	800
DIAM. at B	POINT	605	620	660	583
Discards (mm)	FORGED	575	580	581	582
	CAST 0.9%C	585	590	592	591
	CAST 1.3%C	607	613	618	612
	Adamite 1.6%C	644	652	661	647
	ST. BASE	686	696	710	688



Note mill limit
minimum = 690mm
Rail roughing set

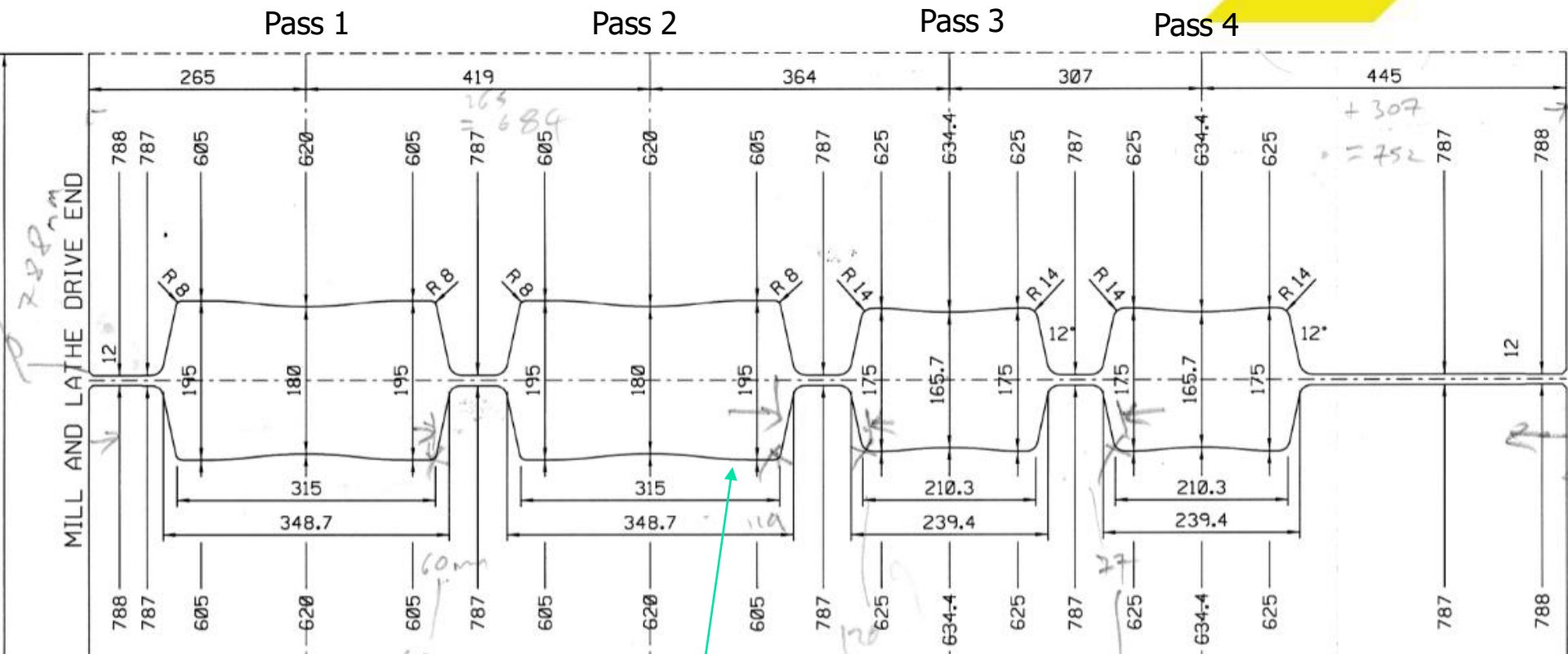
$$= \left[\left\{ \left[10 \frac{c}{L_1} (L_1 - x) \right]^2 + 8.5 \cdot D \right\} \cdot \frac{P^2}{\sigma^2} \right]^{1/6} + D_{st} - D_{Bpt}$$

The above roughing roll – to show calculation methodology



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Z set Rougher



51mm deep crack from slide 17

Example spreadsheet - Simplified

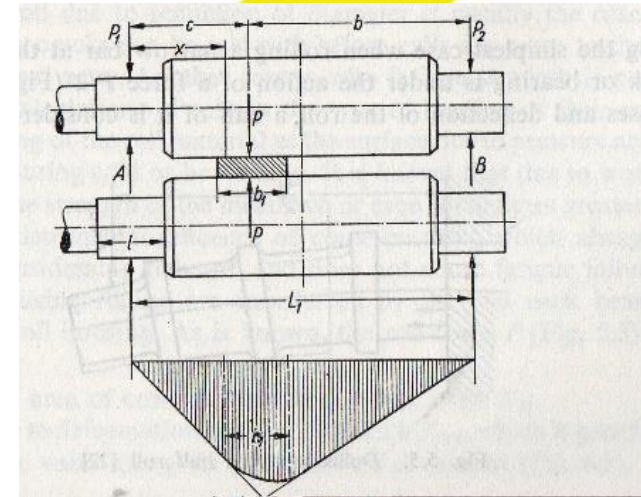
Four adjacent box passes 1- 4

Z set



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ROLL IN	GROOVE	1	2	3	3
DISCARD IN	GROOVE	1T	2T	3T	4T
BARREL TO	MID-PASS	265	684	752	445
BARREL TO	BREAK PT.	463	857	864	554
LOAD	tonnes	440	440	250	250
CENTRES	(MAX)	800	800	800	800
DIAM. at B	POINT	605	605	625	625
Discards (mm)	FORGED	649	684	587	574
	CAST 0.9%C	673	709	609	595
	CAST 1.3%C	694	733	628	614
	Adamite 1.6%C	731	772	662	646
	ST. BASE	835	884	756	737



Note mill limit
minimum = 690mm
Rail roughing set

$$= \left[\left\{ \left[10 \frac{c}{L_1} (L_1 - x) \right]^2 + 8.5 \cdot D \right\} \cdot \frac{P^2}{\sigma^2} \right]^{1/6} + D_{st} - D_{Bpt}$$

Example spreadsheet - Simplified

Three knifing then one forming pass

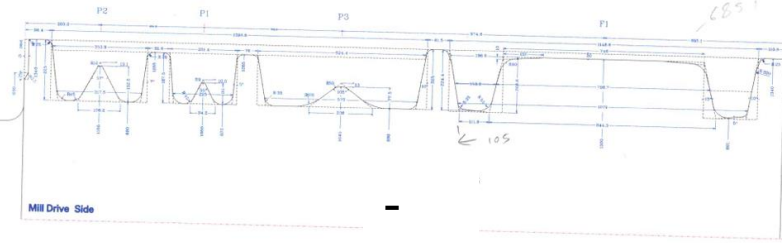
Cogging 914x419



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ROLL IN	GROOVE	1	2	3	3
DISCARD IN	GROOVE	P2	P1	P3	F1
BARREL TO	MID-PASS	280	664	1183	685.1
BARREL TO	BREAK PT.	397	710	1453	1219
LOAD	tonnes	400	310	500	1400
CENTRES	(MAX)	1340	1340	1340	1340
DIAM. at B	POINT	965	965	965	891.2
Discards (mm)	FORGED	901	890	984	1260
	CAST 0.7%C	929	917	1016	1302
	CAST 1.3%C	954	941	1046	1341
	Adamite 1.6%C	997	983	1095	1406

P2 P1 P3 F1



Note mill limits
 minimum = 1130mm
 Maximum = 1340mm
 Jumbo column
 Note 12.5mm
 drafting not 2.5mm

$$= \left[\left\{ \left[10 \frac{c}{L_1} (L_1 - x) \right]^2 + 46 \cdot D \right\} \cdot \frac{P^2}{\sigma^2} \right]^{1/6} + D_{st} - D_{Bpt}$$

Material strength to fatigue limit comparison



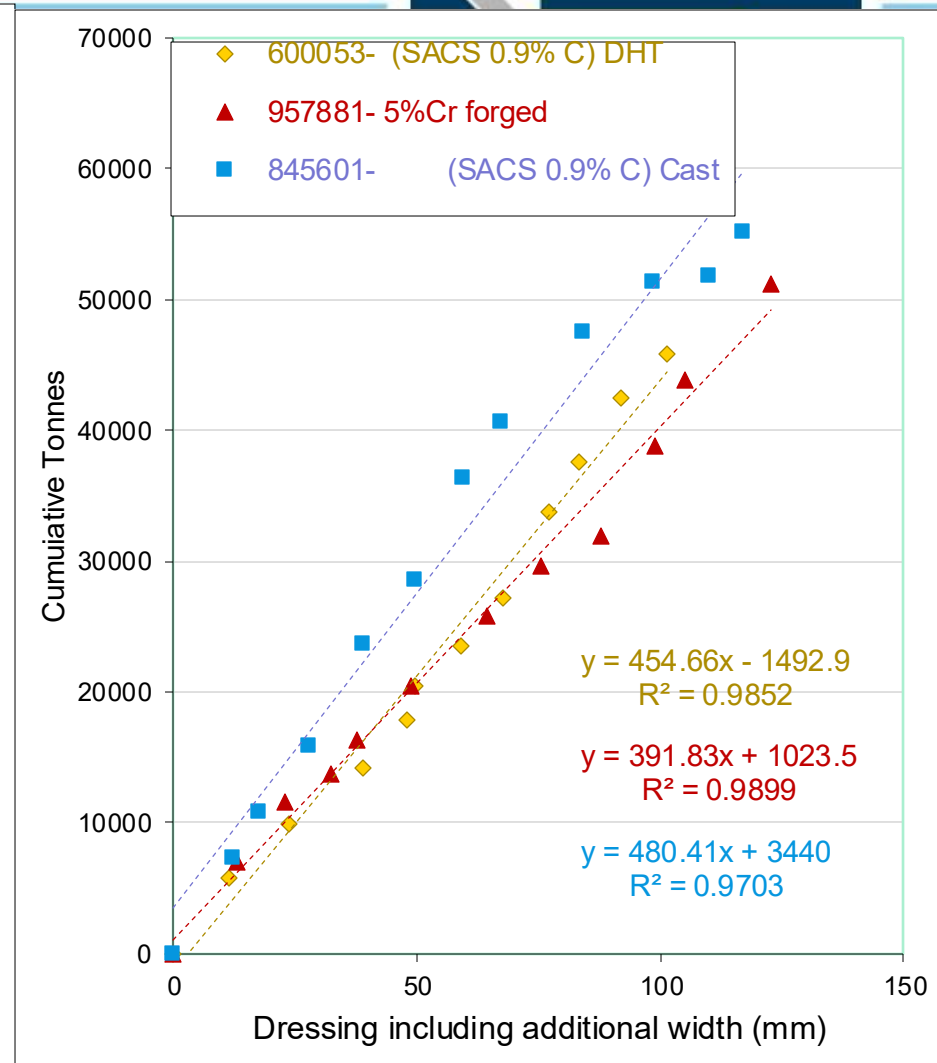
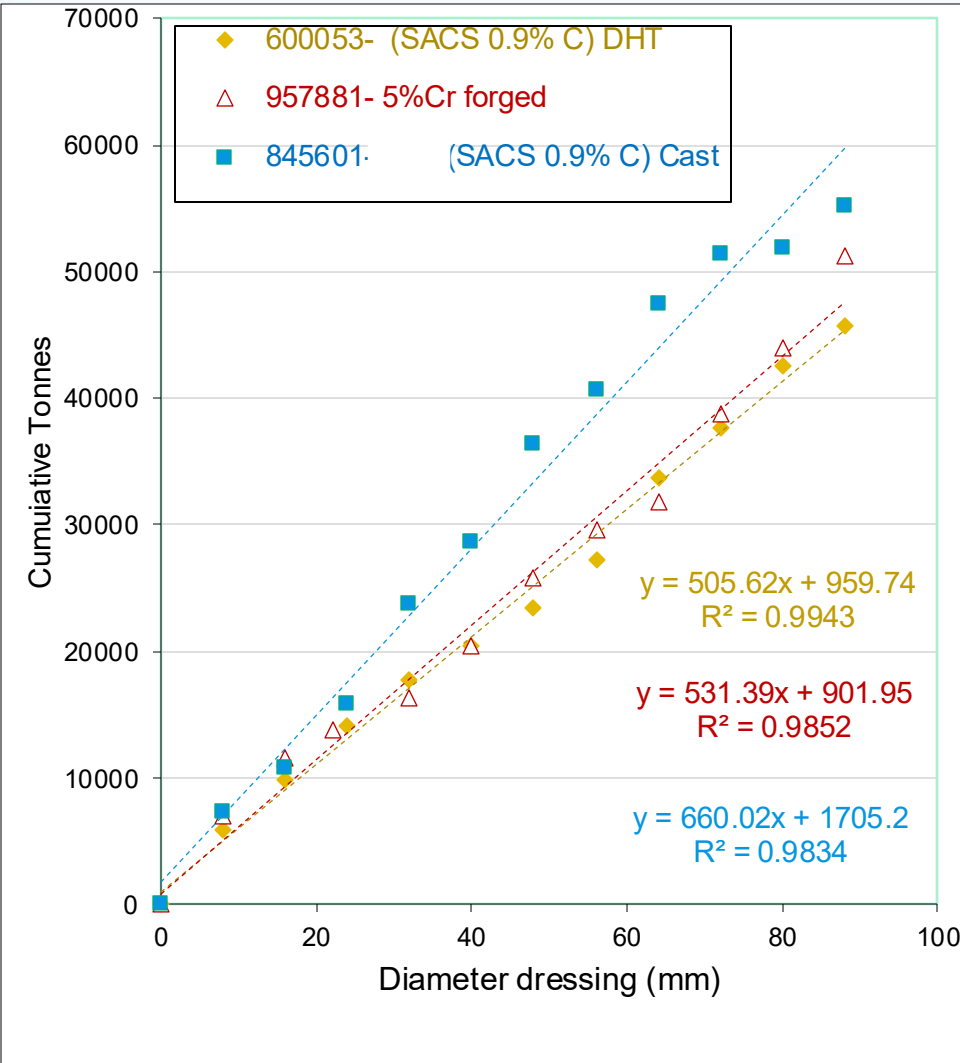
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Roll grade	Fatigue Limit	~UTS	Ratio
	MPa	MPa	
FORGED (0.6%C)	213	1200	0.18
CAST 0.7%C	198	1100	0.18
CAST 0.9%C	182	1000	0.18
CAST 1.3%C	160	900	0.18
AD120	137	750	0.18
AD160	122	600	0.20
AD180	99	500	0.20

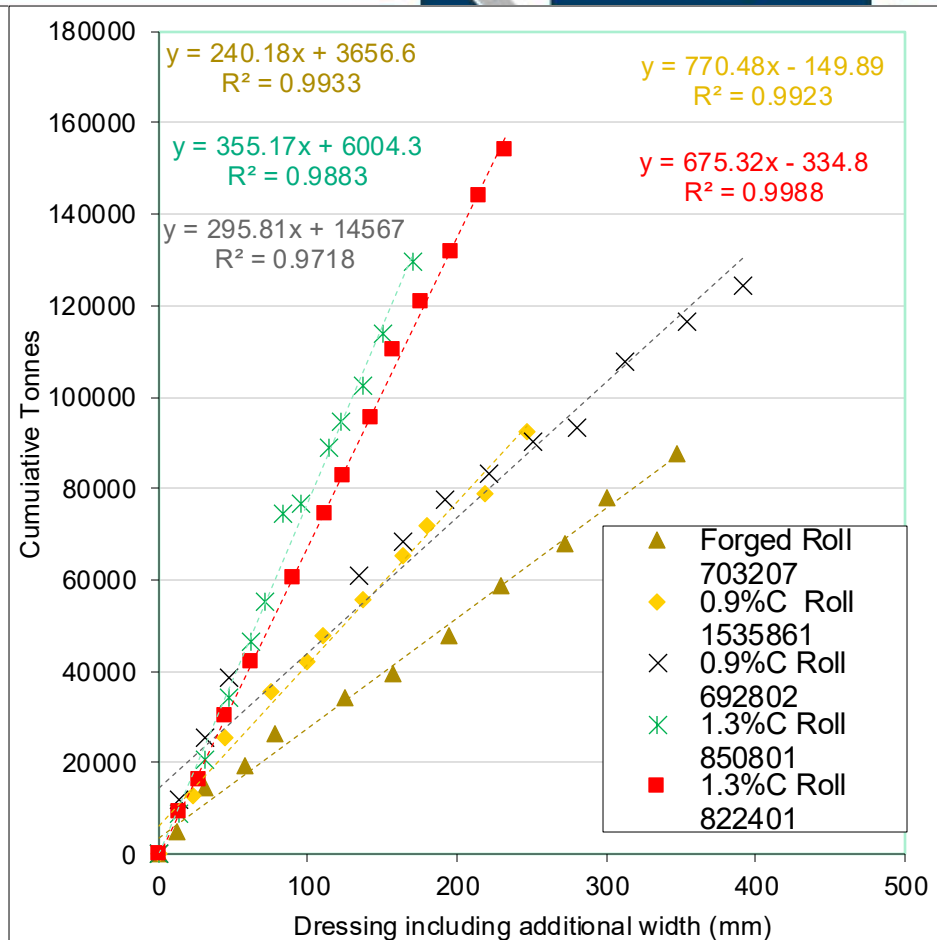
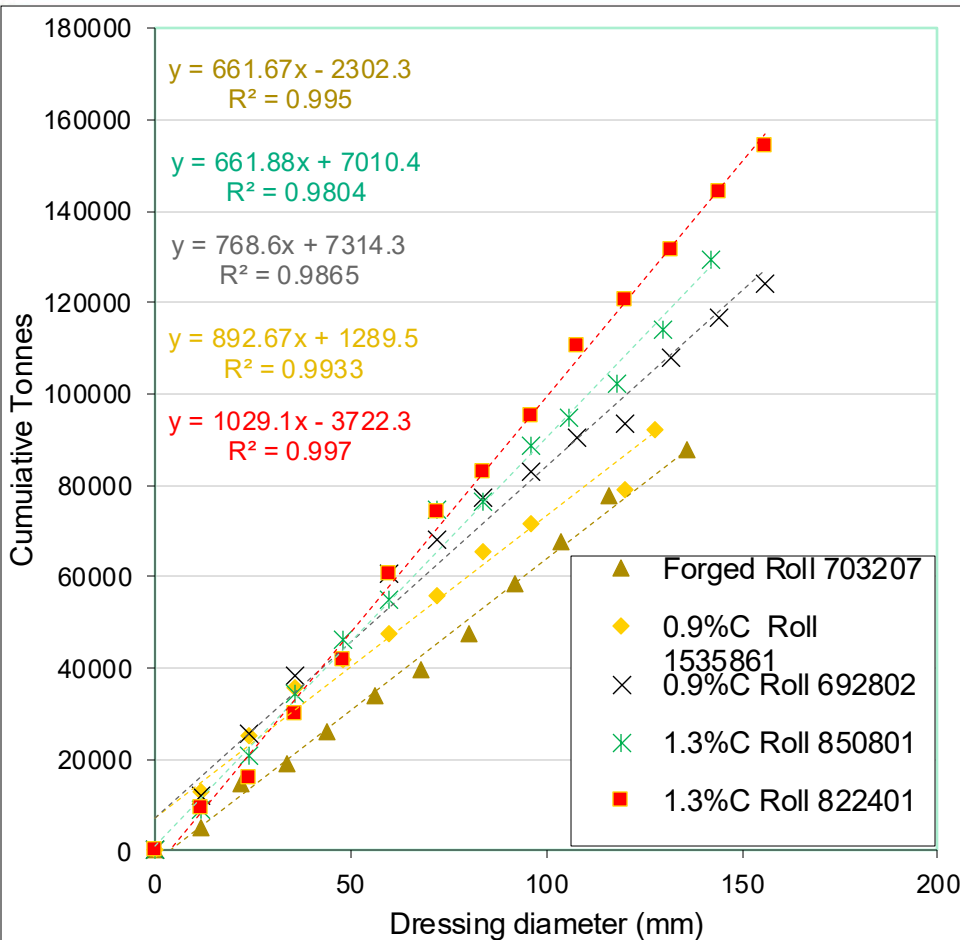
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Performances when rolling identical bloom shape, schedule and steel – forged and ACS – Z set



Performances when rolling with different forged and ACS types



Case study 1 for example of discard diameter decision making



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Bottom Roll of a 2 high section roll pair



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Roll discard diameters in mm compared for rolling two steel grades



Discards were at 800mm Centres, so for adamite bottom rolls not ideally suitable for the more alloyed stock material. Note top roll – roll grade always 0.9%C cast steel, due to lower wear rate (shallow grooves).

Pass ->	P9	P9	P8	P8
Roll grade	9Top	9 bot	8 top	8 Bot
FORGED	606	718	612	666
CAST 0.9%C	632	744	638	694
CAST 1.3%C	656	768	661	718
Adamite 1.5%C	695	808	700	760
Adamite 2.1%C	809	922	810	878

Pass ->	P9	P9	P8	P8
Roll grade	9Top	9 bot	8 top	8 Bot
FORGED	622	734	628	683
CAST 0.9%C	649	761	654	711
CAST 1.3%C	673	785	678	737
Adamite 1.5%C	714	827	718	779

Standard R260 steel

Grade R260Mn steel
(+10% loading to 440t)

Note 900mm = starting centres

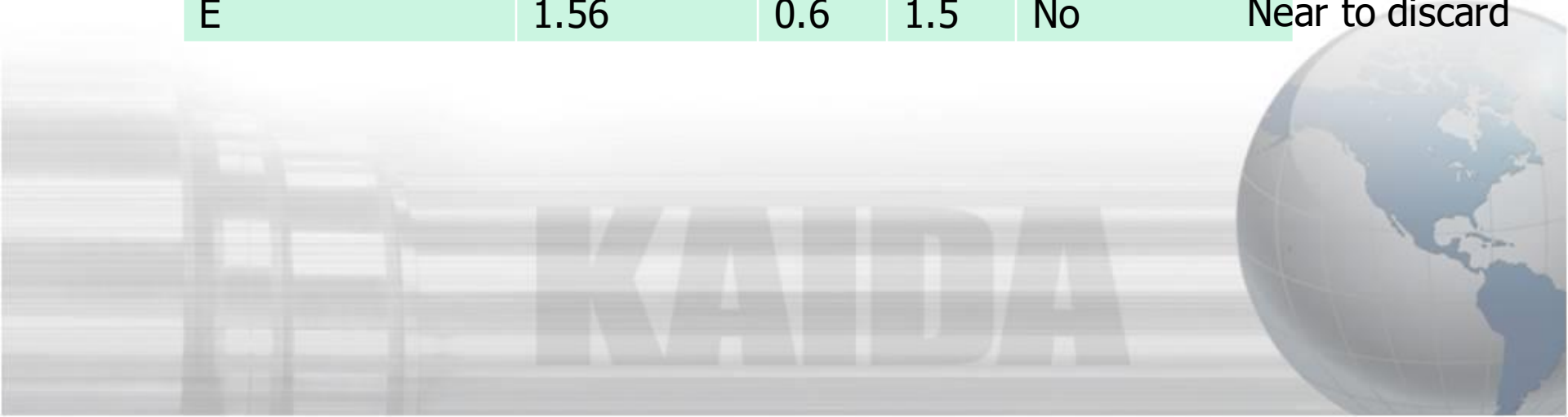


Roll Manufacturers roll grades outcomes



Different roll manufacturers choices of roll grades was based on previous experience

Manufacturer	Carbon content %	Ni	Si	Successful ?	
A	1.55	1.3	1.0	Yes	
B	2.06	1.6	1.3	No	First time in mill
C	1.55	1.1	1.3	Yes	
D	1.55	1.2	0.8	Yes	
E	1.56	0.6	1.5	No	Near to discard



4. Conclusions

- **A common failure mode of Long Product Rolls is through mechanical fatigue at the most highly stressed part of a roll groove.**
- **There is a limit below which stress cracks do not grow in long product roll passes, fatigue cracks grow too slowly, which can be calculated from the theory presented.**
- **Optimisation of roll grades can then proceed, where an increase of 0.4%C content in an ACS grade roll can double the roll performance.**
- **Roll selection can be evaluated using the above theory to determine the most suitable material for the given design and other key parameters.**
- **The key to optimum usage is through maximising wear resistance without compromising the roll integrity.**

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