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ABSTRACT

The fatigue life of welded steel details is often the governing factor in the bridge design process. In Eurocode 3, the nominal stress method is the most commonly applied approach when designing welded connections. However, due to limitations in this method, some structures are designed according to a lower fatigue strength than the real actual capacity of the detail to compensate for the uncertainties in the method. The effective notch stress method, ENS, can be used to assess the fatigue life of welded connections, which better predicts the actual fatigue life of a structure.

In steel bridges, transverse non load-carrying attachments such as web stiffeners are a very common type of detail, which often govern the design. The fatigue strength of this detail is only defined by the distance L in Eurocode 3, which is the distance between the toes of the fillet welds on each side of the attached plate.

This Master's thesis investigates how the fatigue life of transverse attachments can be assessed with finite element analysis using the effective notch stress method and how the result compares to the fatigue life determined by the nominal stress method. Moreover, a parameter study is performed to examine if other geometric parameters than L has any influence on the fatigue life. The parameter study is also used to see whether a higher fatigue strength class than the one defined in Eurocode 3 can be used for this particular detail.

It is found that the distance L does have the greatest influence on the fatigue strength of transverse attachments, even though the dimension of the weld throat as well as flange thickness does have a small impact. Further, for smaller values of L , a higher fatigue strength compared to the defined fatigue strength classes in Eurocode 3 is obtained. An equation that considers the L -values for transverse stiffeners based on the results from the parameter study is proposed and verified by collected experimental data. The implementation of an equation instead of using FE-analysis in form of the effective notch stress method would also reduce the time-consuming aspect in the design process.

Key words: Steel bridges, Fatigue life assessment, Nominal stress, Effective notch stress, Parameter study, Transverse attachment, Web stiffener

Utmattningsanalys av livavstyvare i stålbroar

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SAMMANFATTNING

Utmattningshållfastheten i svetsdetaljer är ofta den dimensionerande faktorn i designprocessen för broar. I Eurocode 3 är den nominella spänningsmetoden den vanligaste för att designa svetsdetaljer med avseende på utmattningshållfasthet. Dock är vissa konstruktioner designade med en lägre utmattningshållfasthet än den faktiska för att kompensera för de begränsningar som finns i metoden. "Effective notch stress"-metoden, även kallad ENS, är en noggrannare metod för att utvärdera utmattningshållfastheten i svetsade detaljer.

Transversella anslutningar, så som livavstyvare, är en väldigt vanlig detalj i stålbroar och är ofta dimensionerande. I Eurocode 3 styrs utmattningshållfastheten för denna detalj endast av längden L , dvs. avståndet mellan svetstärna på vardera sida av livavstyvaren.

Detta examensarbete undersöker hur utmattningshållfastheten för transversella anslutningar kan utvärderas med finita elementmetoden genom att använda "effective notch stress"-analys och hur dessa resultat står sig mot den nominella spänningsmetoden. Vidare utförs en parameterstudie där andra geometriska parametrars påverkan på utmattningshållfastheten, utöver längden L , undersöks. Denna parameterstudie används också för att se om en högre utmattningshållfasthetsklass för den undersökta detaljen än den definierad i Eurocode 3 kan erhållas.

Resultaten visar att längden L har den största inverkan på utmattningshållfastheten i transversella anslutningar, trots att dimensionerna på a -mättet och flänsplättjockleken också har en påverkan. Vidare visar resultaten att en högre utmattningshållfasthet för låga L -mått kan uppnås i jämförelse med rekommendationerna från Eurocode 3. En ekvation baserad på parameterstudien som tar hänsyn till längden L är framtagen och verifierad med data från tidigare utförda experiment. Implementationen av en sådan ekvation istället för att använda FE-analys i form av "effective notch stress" skulle även reducera tidsåtgången i designprocessen.

Nyckelord: Stålbroar, Utmattningshållfasthet, Nominell spänning, "Effective notch stress"-metoden, Parameterstudie, Transversell anslutning, Livavstyvare

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Preface

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Notations

Roman upper case letters

A	Area of cross section
C_1	Correction factor for flange thickness
C_2	Correction factor for flange thickness
C_3	Correction factor for flange thickness
C_4	Correction factor for flange thickness
C_5	Correction factor for flange thickness
C_6	Correction factor for flange thickness
E	Modulus of elasticity
F	Force
I	Moment of inertia
K_t	Stress concentration factor
L	Distance between weld toes
$L_{max,o}$	Cut-off limit for fatigue strength class of one-sided transverse stiffener
$L_{max,d}$	Cut-off limit for fatigue strength class of double-sided transverse stiffener
M	Moment
N_i	Crack initiation time
N	Fatigue life
N_p	Crack propagation time

Roman lower case letters

a	Weld throat thickness
e	Eccentricity
k_m	Misalignment correction factor
k_s	Thickness correction factor
l	Thickness of transverse attachment plate
l_1	Plate length 1
l_2	Plate length 2
m	Slope of the S-N-curve
n	Exponent
r	Notch radius
s	Stress multi-axiality and strength criterion factor
t	Plate thickness
t_f	Flange thickness
t_{ref}	Reference thickness
t_w	Thickness of transverse attachment

Greek upper case letters

$\Delta\sigma_{ENS}$	Effective notch stress range
$\Delta\sigma_{hss}$	Hot-spot stress range
$\Delta\sigma_{hss,red}$	Reduced hot-spot range
$\Delta\sigma_{NS}$	Nominal stress range
$\Delta\sigma_C$	Detail category, stress range at 2 million cycles
$\Delta\sigma_{C,ENS}$	Fatigue strength class for effective notch stress
$\Delta\sigma_{C,NS}$	Fatigue strength class for nominal stress
$\Delta\sigma_D$	Constant amplitude fatigue limit
$\Delta\sigma_L$	Cut-off limit

Greek lower case letters

α	Angular displacement
γ_{Ff}	Partial factor for fatigue strength
γ_{Mf}	Partial factor for fatigue strength
δ	Distance from hot-spot point
θ	Angle
λ	Restraint coefficient
ν	Poisson's ratio
ρ	Actual notch radius
ρ^*	Micro-structural length
ρ_f	Fictitious radius
ρ_s	Density
$\sigma_{1,2,3}$	Principal stress
σ_e^{vM}	von Mises effective stress
σ_{nom}	Nominal stress
$\sigma_{x,y,z}$	Normal stresses in coordinate system
$\tau_{x,y,z}$	Shear stresses in coordinate system

Abbreviations

CAFL	Constant Amplitude Fatigue Limit
ENS	Effective Notch Stress
FEA	Finite Element Analysis
FEM	Finite Element Method
IIW	International Institute of Welding
NS	Nominal Stress
S-N-curve	Stress-Fatigue life-curve

1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Since steel bridges are sensitive to fatigue loading, it is likely that the dimensions of the structural elements will be governed by the fatigue life of details such as welded connections. Sometimes, the detail categories for the fatigue sensitive steel details are too conservative due to the design recommendations in Eurocode 3. If the details are designed with a more thorough analysis, this might lead to a higher fatigue strength class and hence less material use. Oversized bridges are, of course, a problem for the society concerning economical and environmental aspects, since more material is used which leads to among other things higher carbon dioxide emissions. It is therefore in the interest of the society, constructor and thereby the structural engineer to solve this problem.

The present design recommendations for the fatigue life of steel structures consists of detail categories, which consist of common connections that are presented in tables in Eurocode 3. However, in those cases where the connections are a bit more complex, several simplified connections may have to be combined which could give a lower fatigue strength than in reality. This is due to the fact that stress raisers such as geometrical discontinuities are taken into account on the resistance side using this approach, giving a lower fatigue strength than what would be expected.

In order to reach higher fatigue strength in connections compared to the simplified cases, 2D and 3D FE-analyses can be used in order to better approximate the stresses at the regions sensitive to fatigue. In addition, the fatigue strength of connections that are not covered in Eurocode 3 can be analysed using 3D analyses.

1.2 Aim and objective

This Master's thesis investigates how the effective notch stress method, ENS, can be used to determine the fatigue strength of a specific welded connection. The studied connection is the transverse connection, which appears e.g. at web stiffeners in beams, see Figure 1.1.

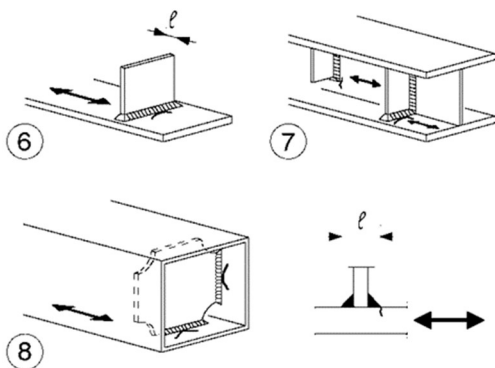


Figure 1.1 The investigated detail category from Eurocode 3 (CEN, 2005).

The fatigue strength of this detail is depending on the thickness, L , of the transversally attached plate in Eurocode 3.

The questions that are of interest are:

- How do stresses, using the effective notch stress analysis, compare to the values in the simplified cases in Eurocode 3?
- Do other geometric parameters than that specified in Eurocode 3 affect the fatigue strength of the detail?
- Will a specific set of dimensions result in a higher fatigue strength than specified in Eurocode 3?

1.3 Limitations

The detail category is investigated using the effective notch stress method. Other fatigue assessment methods, such as the nominal stress and the hot-spot stress method are not applied. These methods are however, covered in the theory part of the thesis. The geometrical ranges of the parameter study are in the vicinity of reasonable dimensions for the detail in bridges. Only fillet welds are considered and both the weld root and weld toe stress are analysed in the 2D model. In the 3D model however, only weld toe stress is analysed in order to reduce the size of the model and since the gathered experimental data only had weld toe failure. The dimension of the cope holes, flange width, web height and distance from the edge of the transverse stiffener to the flange end in the 3D model are not included in the parameter study as well as different angles of the welds. Only bending stresses are analysed in the 3D model, therefore the influence of shear stresses is not considered.

1.4 Methodology and structure

The project is divided into four parts where each part is given a specific chapter and reflects the workflow of the project. Chapter 2 consists of a literature study of for example the fatigue life assessment methods, among these methods the effective notch stress method that is to be used on the studied weld detail. Chapter 3 consists of the gathered experimental data that will be compared to the results from the FEA. In Chapter 4 is the weld detail modelling using the FEM-software ADINA explained, where a parameter study is performed to see whether the fatigue life is influenced by other parameters not specified in the Eurocode 3. The results from the FE-analyses are then presented in Chapter 5 and compared both with the specified fatigue strength in Eurocode 3 and to the experimental data collected in the second part. Proposals and conclusions are then stated from these comparisons.

2 Theory

2.1 Introduction to fatigue

Steel bridges are, like any other loadbearing structure, designed in such a way that they can resist the maximum expected load in the ultimate limit state, i.e. the ultimate load. However, if a steel structure is subjected to repeated loading for a certain number of cycles, it is possible that failure will occur even though the stresses are well below the maximum allowed stresses. This process is known as a fatigue failure. The following chapter will cover the basics of fatigue.

2.1.1 Fatigue life of welded bridges

Fatigue is defined as the process where permanent damage occurs locally in a material due to repeated loading. Bridges are one of the most common civil engineering structures exposed to fatigue loading since they are subjected to loads from traffic, pedestrians, wind and more. These loads are not static but vary with time, resulting in fluctuating stresses throughout the bridge, which means that fatigue should be taken into consideration. In general, it is the stress range, $\Delta\sigma$, that governs the fatigue life of a component. A higher stress range leads to a shorter fatigue life (Heshmati, 2012).

The fatigue life of a structure can be divided into crack initiation and crack propagation according to:

$$N = N_i + N_p \quad (2.1)$$

Where the crack initiation time is the time needed for a crack to form in the structure and the crack propagation is the time needed for a crack to grow to a critical length. The crack initiation time for a smooth specimen constitutes about 90% of the fatigue life whereas the crack propagation time is only at around 10% (Al-Emrani & Åkesson, 2013). This is however different for welded details in bridges due to imperfections in the weld itself. Defects such as undercuts, porosity and start-stop points have a great impact of the crack initiation time, reducing it to a fraction of the total fatigue life. These parameters will be discussed more thoroughly in Section 2.1.2.

When handling geometrical stresses, a so-called stress concentration factor, K_t , is often used. The stress concentration factor is the quote of the maximum geometrical stress due to the disturbance of the stress flow and the nominal stress:

$$K_t = \frac{\sigma_{geom}}{\sigma_{nom}} \quad (2.2)$$

The corresponding stresses can be seen in Figure 2.1.

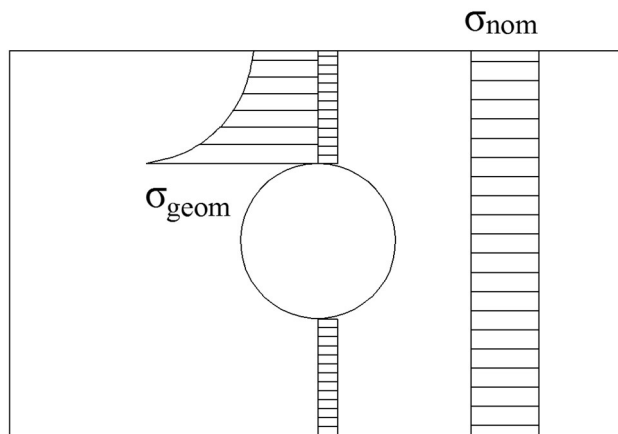


Figure 2.1 The geometrical stress at the stress raiser and the nominal stress, redrawn from (Al-Emrani, 2015).

2.1.2 Parameters affecting fatigue life

A few examples of defects that affect the fatigue life are misalignment, undercuts, porosity, inclusions and crack-like imperfections. Misalignment of welded plates leads to increased stresses in the weld due to an eccentricity of the normal forces, see Figure 2.2. The misalignment can of course be angular as well.

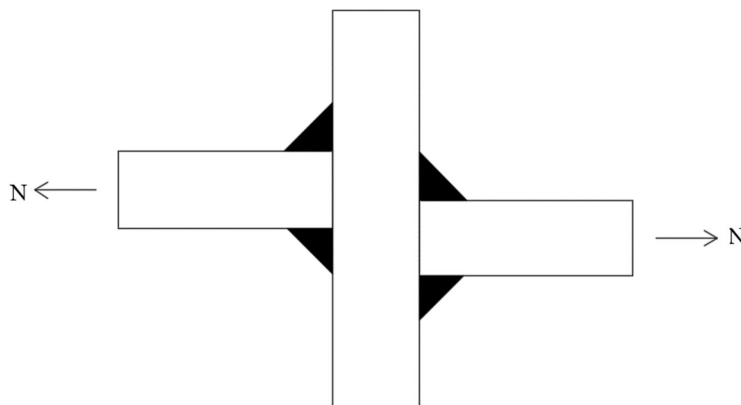


Figure 2.2 An illustration of misalignment in attachments.

An undercut at the weld toe functions as a pre-existing crack where stresses tend to concentrate due to a sudden geometric change of the weld (Heshmati, 2012). Defects such as inclusions and porosity are defects that lower the strength of the weld by trapping slag from the electrodes or gas into the joint respectively. Inclusion is common when you make several runs along the joint, which is why it is important to remove slag between each run in order to prevent this defect, see Figure 2.3. Porosity however is a defect that can occur even though the weld is completed in one run.

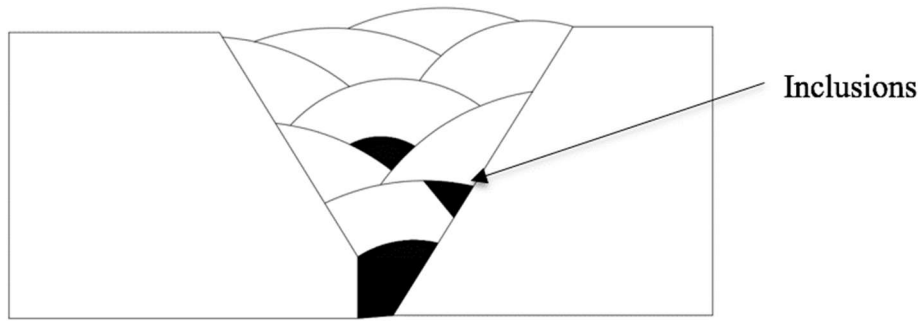


Figure 2.3 Inclusions in a welded butt joint.

As mentioned earlier, the total fatigue life consists of two stages known as crack initiation and crack propagation. Crack initiation is dependent on the strength of the steel, which means that high strength steels require more load cycles to form a crack. However, once a crack is formed the strength of the steel has very little influence on the propagation of the crack. Since welded structures are considered to be cracked from the very beginning of service, the fatigue life of a bridge is not affected considerably by using steel with higher strength (Al-Emrani & Åkesson, 2013).

2.1.3 S-N-curves and detail categories

S-N-curves (stress-life) are used to make a prediction of the fatigue life of a welded detail. These curves are derived from experimental data conducted on welded specimens. Each weld detail is assigned its own detail category, which is defined as the stress range that corresponds to a fatigue life of 2 million cycles. In Eurocode 3 they are denoted, for example, C80 if the detail can survive 2 million load cycles at a stress range of 80 MPa. Figure 2.4 displays a few S-N-curves for different detail categories.

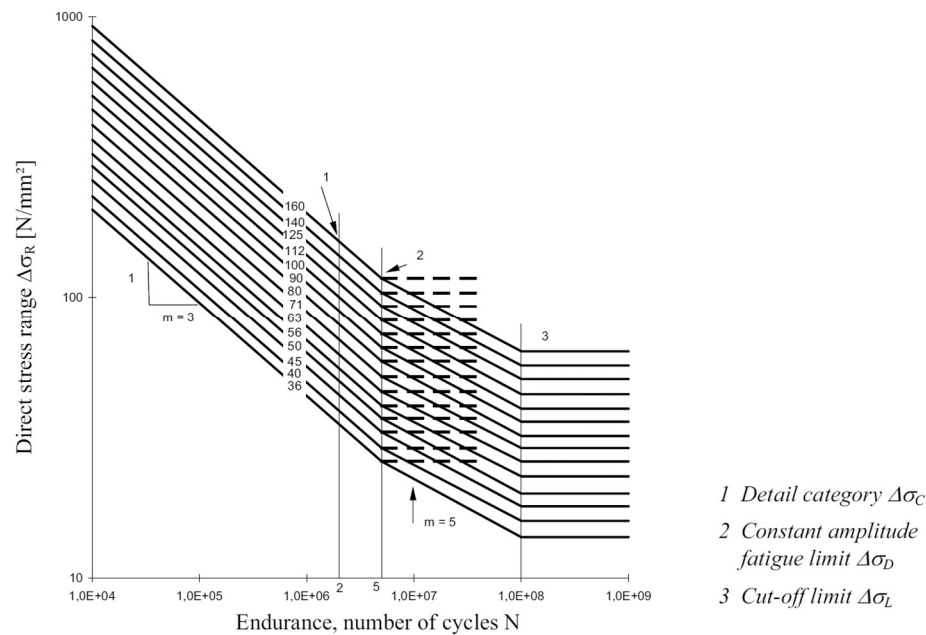


Figure 2.4 Example of S-N-curves for different detail categories exposed to nominal stresses (CEN, 2005).

The constant amplitude fatigue limit (CAFL) is defined at 5 million cycles. It is expected that stress range below that point does not accumulate any fatigue damage to the weld when it is subjected to a load with constant amplitude (Al-Emrani & Åkesson, 2013). At the cut-off limit, which can be found at 100 million cycles, no fatigue damage is assumed to take place at stress ranges below this point.

When the stress ranges and detail categories are known, the number of cycles until failure can be calculated from the S-N-curve using the following expression from Eurocode 3:

$$N = 5 \cdot 10^6 \left[\frac{\frac{\Delta\sigma_D}{\gamma_{Mf}}}{\gamma_{Ff} \Delta\sigma_{NS}} \right]^m \quad (2.3)$$

Where γ_{Ff} and γ_{Mf} are partial factors for fatigue strength and m is the slope of the curve, which is either 3 or 5 depending on the magnitude of the stress range. Where m is equal to 3 when the stress range is higher than $\Delta\sigma_D$ and 5 when the stress range is in between $\Delta\sigma_D$ and $\Delta\sigma_L$. The recommended value from Eurocode 3 for γ_{Ff} is 1 and γ_{Mf} is defined according to Table 2.1. However, the values for these parameters are chosen according to the national annex.

Table 2.1 Values for γ_{Mf} (CEN, 2005).

Assessment method	Consequence of failure	
	Low consequence	High consequence
Damage tolerant	1.00	1.15
Safe life	1.15	1.35

In Eurocode 3, there are a total of 14 detail categories with corresponding S-N-curves for details subjected to normal stresses, which can be seen in Figure 2.4. As mentioned earlier they are based on experimental data. The tested specimens usually have varying dimensions and test configurations which means that they might have different fatigue life for the same stress ranges, leading to a somewhat high scatter of the results.¹ Therefore, a safety margin must be included in the used S-N-curve, which is the reason that some details might become oversized when using the approach defined in Eurocode 3, known as the nominal stress method. This method will be discussed further in Section 2.3.1.

Transverse non load-carrying attachments have two different detail categories, which is either C80 or C71 depending on the distance between the weld toes of the attached plate, L . If L is less than or equal to 50 mm then the detail category is C80. Should L be in the interval 50 mm to 80 mm then the detail category is C71, see Table 2.2.

¹ Mohammad Al-Emrani (Associate Professor, Division of Structural Engineering, Chalmers University of Technology) meeting February 8th 2016.

Table 2.2 Detail categories for transverse non load-carrying attachments (CEN, 2005).

Detail category	Distance L [mm]
C80	$0 < L \leq 50$
C71	$50 < L \leq 80$

2.2 Stresses

Depending on what method is used to assess the fatigue life of a welded component, different kinds of stresses might be more suitable to study than others. This following section will introduce and discuss the concept of normal, nominal, principal and effective stress.

2.2.1 Normal stress and shear stress

The normal stress is defined as the stress acting perpendicular to the plane where a force has been applied. A common case is a rod subjected to either a tensile or a compressive force, resulting in stresses in the same direction, see Figure 2.5. The stresses are calculated as the force divided by cross sectional area.

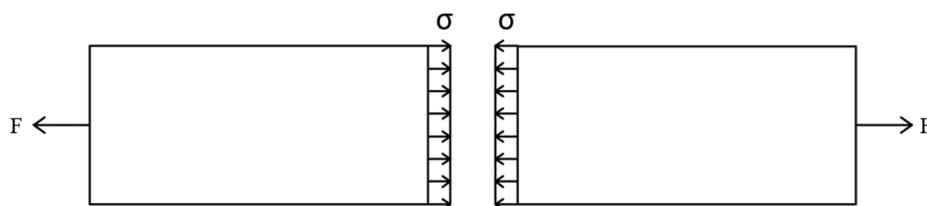


Figure 2.5 Normal stresses in a rod subjected to a tensile force.

However, in this simple case it is assumed that the stresses are evenly distributed over the entire cross section. In reality, the rod may be attached or manufactured in a certain way that the stress distribution is not completely even through the section. Then the calculated stresses may be taken as the average stress, also known as the nominal stress. The nominal stress is used in the nominal stress method when assessing the fatigue life of a welded detail. This will be discussed more thoroughly in Section 2.3.1.

Shear stress is calculated in a similar manner as for the normal stress. The force applied is distributed over the cross section of the structure. However, the force vector component giving rise to shear stresses is not normal to the plane but parallel to it.

2.2.2 Principal stress

In cases where the structure is subjected to a state of stress where both normal stresses and shear stresses are present, it is often useful to calculate the principal stresses. The principle is to rotate the basis of the force vectors such that the shear stresses becomes zero, see Figure 2.6. Hence, the principal stresses can be seen as a resultant of the normal stresses and shear stresses acting in a point.

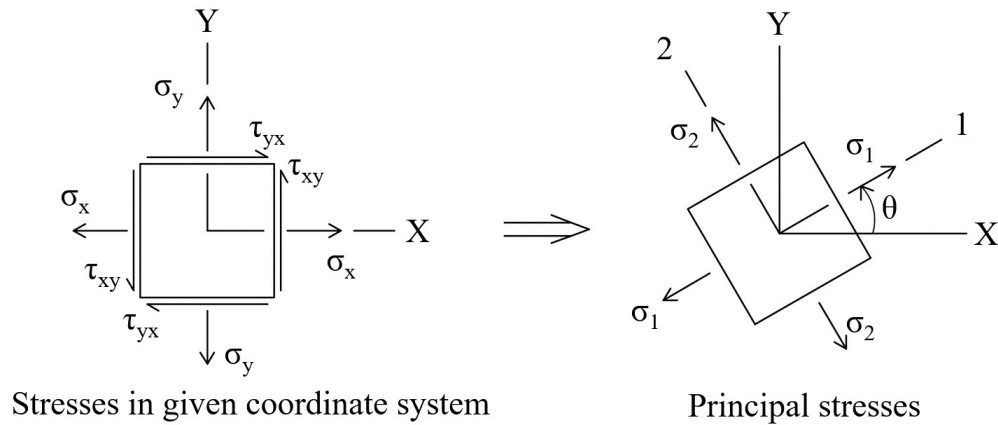


Figure 2.6 The principle of principal stresses illustrated.

In two dimensions, the principal stresses can be calculated according to the following equation derived from Mohr's circle:

$$\sigma_{1,2} = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} \quad (2.4)$$

Where the angle, θ , of the principal stresses are calculated as:

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_y} \right) \quad (2.5)$$

2.2.3 Effective stress (von Mises)

As stated earlier, the case of a uni-axially loaded rod is quite simple. It is also a very common setup for testing the characteristics of common engineering materials. In real situations, other loading types such as torsion and shear might also be applied at the same time, resulting in loading configurations, which are more difficult to analyse. To be able to compare a complex loading situation to the strength of a material obtained from a uni-axial tension test, the effective stress as defined by von Mises can be used (Fricke, 2010). For a three dimensional situation, it can be calculated according to the following equation.

$$\sigma_e^{vM} = \sqrt{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 + \sigma_z^2 - \sigma_x\sigma_y - \sigma_x\sigma_z - \sigma_y\sigma_z + 3\tau_{xy}^2 + 3\tau_{xz}^2 + 3\tau_{yz}^2} \quad (2.6)$$

This can also be done using the principal stresses:

$$\sigma_e^{vM} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2} \quad (2.7)$$

This means that the stresses in a complex loading situation can be represented by a single scalar, making it more convenient to assess the strength of a structure. The fact that the effective stress is a scalar means that it does not have a direction.

There are also other common methods to evaluate the effective stress, e.g. Tresca. This will however not be covered in this report since only von Mises effective stress is used in the fatigue life assessment methods explained in Section 2.3.

2.3 Fatigue life assessment methods

Fatigue life of welded details can be assessed using different methods. The three most common methods will be covered in the following section to provide basic understanding for assessing fatigue life. The recommendations that are presented in this section are mainly from Eurocode 3 and from the International Institute of Welding, IIW.

2.3.1 Nominal stress method

The nominal stress method is the most commonly applied approach when assessing the fatigue life (Aygül, 2012). It is included in both the recommendations from IIW and Eurocode 3. Nominal stress is calculated as the average stress in the cross section under consideration using Navier's formula, see equation (2.8). The calculated nominal stress is compared to S-N-curves found in design codes such as Eurocode 3 to determine the fatigue life of a welded component.

$$\sigma_{nom} = \frac{F}{A} + \frac{M}{I} \cdot z \quad (2.8)$$

Since the nominal stress is calculated as the average stress at the cross section, local stress raising effects due to irregularities or geometrical discontinuities are disregarded. This means that the nominal stress does not always correspond to the real stresses in the cross section at notches and similar geometrical changes. Hence, this method might be difficult to apply or perhaps not applicable at all in more complex situations where the geometry is irregular (Hobbacher, 2009). It is however possible in some cases to use finite element modelling to determine the nominal stresses.

As notch effects are not taken into consideration in the stress calculations, they are instead included in the detail categories specified in Eurocode 3. This might result in a design, which is too conservative.

2.3.2 Hot-spot stress method

In structures with complicated geometry, it is sometimes difficult to approximate the correct stresses using the nominal stress method due to apparent stresses from e.g. warping and torsion. In these cases, the structural hot-spot stress method approximates the stresses better.

The structural hot-spot stress method has been used for over 50 years, starting in the offshore industry (Stenberg, Barsoum, & Balawi, 2015). The method estimates the stress at the position where a crack will form, i.e. the hot-spot points. The structural hot-spot method is recommended for cracks at the weld toe, even though there is a solution for root cracking as well (Al-Emrani & Aygül, 2014). The method can be done either analytically, numerically or experimentally, where the numerical solution process is most used due to the high adoption of the well-known Finite element method, FEM. IIW has published a handbook with recommendations for the method,

which this report refers to Eurocode 3 also mentions the structural hot-spot stress method without recommendations of the execution.

The fatigue strength of a detail is dependent on three parameters: the geometry of the detail, the effects from the weld geometry and weld defects. The structural hot-spot stress takes the geometry of the detail into consideration. The stress increase from the weld geometry and defects is however not considered, which is also the disadvantage with the method. This effect is accounted for in the effective notch stress method, see Section 2.3.3. Due to the fact that the detail geometry effect is included in the stress analysis instead of in the S-N-curves, the number of S-N-curves are significantly reduced. There are three different types of stresses in the cross section of the plate: membrane, bending and the stress peak caused by the singularity point at the weld toe. It can be seen in Figure 2.7 that the structural hot-spot stress does not consider the stress peak from the weld, as previously explained.

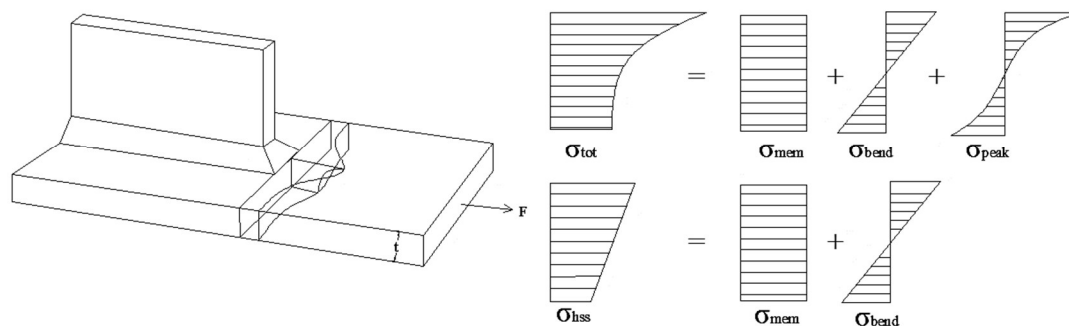


Figure 2.7 Actual stresses at the weld toe compared with the stresses considered in the structural hot-spot stress method, redrawn from (Al-Emrani & Aygül, 2014).

The way the method separates the peak stress from the other stresses is by using stress linearization from predetermined reference points at certain distances from the hot-spot point. This is often done with a surface extrapolation technique of the stress, see Figure 2.8. The stress perpendicular to the crack direction is of interest, which corresponds to the loading direction.

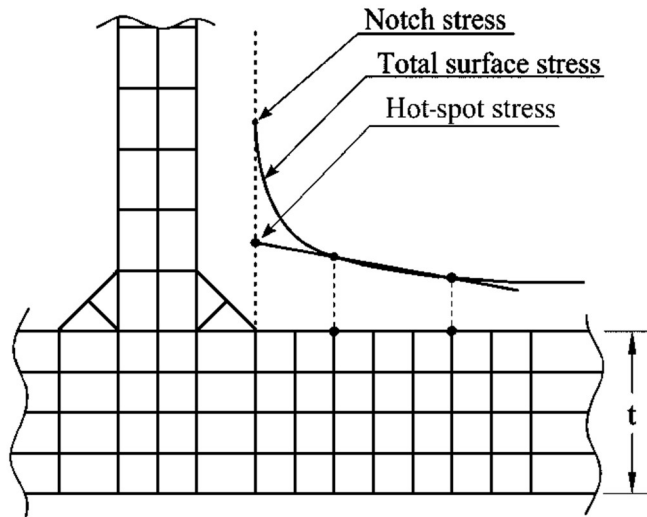


Figure 2.8 Figure demonstrating the principle of stress extrapolation, redrawn from (Al-Emrani & Aygöl, 2014).

2.3.2.1.1 FE-modelling

The following recommendations for the FE-modelling of the hot-spot stress method can also be read in (Al-Emrani & Aygöl, 2014), where a more thorough modelling guide is presented with modelling recommendations for details other than the detail studied in this report. Since the method is highly mesh sensitive in the FEA due to the high strains at the singularity points, the method requires consistent modelling technique to avoid large stress variations (Al-Emrani & Aygöl, 2014).

The structure can, in the structural hot-spot stress method, be modelled with both 2D shell, 2D solid plane strain and 3D solid elements. For the different element types, there are different recommendations and rules due to the mesh size sensitivity as previously explained.

The FE-modelling recommendations for shell elements in transverse attachments can be seen in Table 2.3. These recommendations are given by IIW and can also be seen in (Al-Emrani & Aygöl, 2014). It must be pointed out that shell elements should not be used for cruciform joints, plated T-joints and one-side welded butt joints. Shell elements are easier and faster to model compared with solid elements and should therefore be used when it is appropriate (Al-Emrani & Aygöl, 2014).

Table 2.3 Recommended FE-modelling technique for shell elements.

Element type	Shell
Material model	Linear elastic
Element order	4-node (fine mesh) / 8-node (coarse mesh)
Element aspect ratio	1:1 or 1:2
Shell orientation	Mid-plane
Welds	Included (Oblique shells or rigid links)
Extrapolation line	Straight

The recommendations for the modelling of solid elements for transverse attachments are presented in Table 2.4.

Table 2.4 Recommended FE-modelling technique for solid elements.

Element type	Solid
Material model	Linear elastic
Element order	8-node (fine mesh) / 20-node (coarse mesh)
Element aspect ratio	1:1 or 1:2
Welds	Included in model
Elements over plate thickness	1 element or more
Extrapolation line	Straight

It should also be noted that the element size for both shell and solid elements is dependent on the locations of the reference points, since the nodal points must coincide with the reference points.

2.3.2.2 Weld modelling techniques

The weld is often not modelled when using the hot-spot stress method. However, some details require the weld geometry, e.g. the transverse attachment. The modelling technique for 3D solid elements is straight forward, using prismatic solid elements for the welds. For 2D shell and solid elements, the procedure is more complicated and the hot-spot stress can be affected by the modelling technique for the welds. The two modelling techniques for transverse attachments recommended by IIW are oblique shell elements and rigid links (Al-Emrani & Aygül, 2014).

When using oblique shell elements for the welds, one connects the weld elements with the elements representing the plates at the section of the weld toe with an angle of 45 degrees to both plates, see Figure 2.9. The thickness of the oblique elements should be the corresponding weld throat thickness.

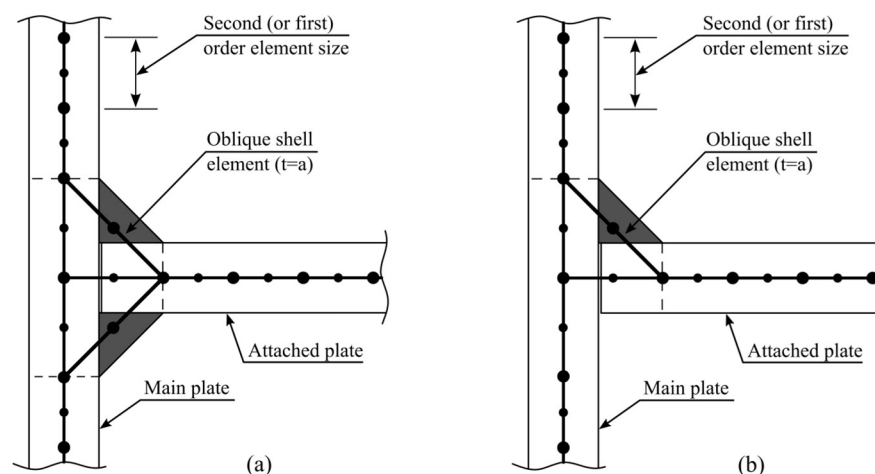


Figure 2.9 Welds modelled with oblique shell elements in the hot-spot stress method (Al-Emrani & Aygül, 2014).

The second weld modelling method is performed by using rigid links between the plates. The distances $E1$ and $E2$ influence the stiffness of the weld and should

therefore be set carefully. It should be noted that the two plates are not connected at the interception point, see Figure 2.10.

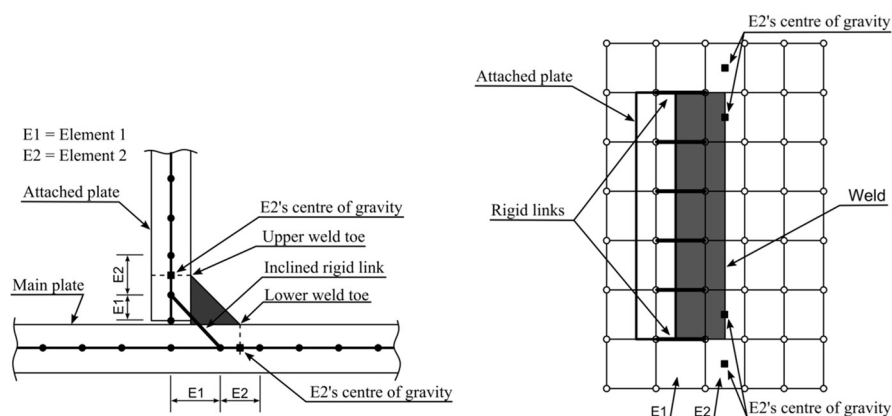


Figure 2.10 Welds modelled with rigid links between the plates in the hot-spot stress (Al-Emrani & Aygül, 2014).

2.3.2.3 Stress extrapolation technique

To obtain the hot-spot stress, one must extrapolate the stress from predefined reference points, which can be seen in Figure 2.12. Depending on mesh size, hot-spot type and extrapolation type, i.e. linear or nonlinear, the distance from the hot-spot, i.e. the weld toe, differs. For the linear and nonlinear extrapolation techniques, two respectively three reference points are needed. The reference point distances can be seen in Figure 2.12, in which t is the thickness of the plate. For the nonlinear extrapolation, it should be noted that only fine mesh should be used.

Table 2.5 Distances from the hot-spot point to the reference points for different extrapolation techniques.

Extrapolation type	Hot-spot type	Mesh size	Distance from hot-spot point		
			1st point	2nd point	3rd point
Linear	Type a	Fine	$0.4t$	$1t$	-
Linear	Type a	Course	$0.5t$	$1.5t$	-
Linear	Type b	Fine	-	-	-
Linear	Type b	Course	5	15	-
Nonlinear	Type a	Fine	$0.4t$	$0.9t$	$1.5t$
Nonlinear	Type b	Fine	4	8	12

There are two different types of hot-spots, type a and b. Type a has a large variation of the stress distribution over the thickness while b has less variation. This yields that type a needs to consider the thickness for the reference points while b does not. The different type of hot-spots can be seen in Figure 2.11.

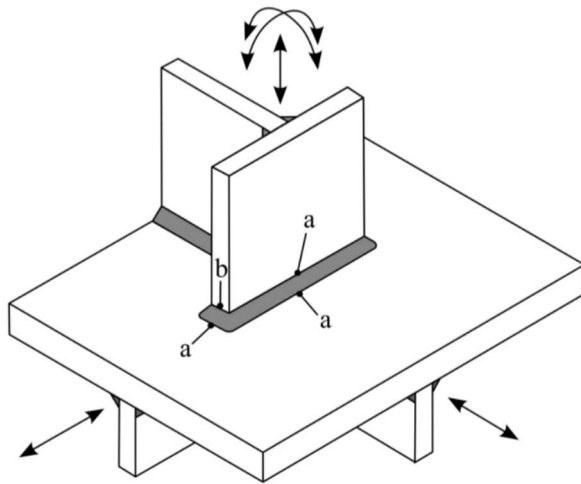


Figure 2.11 The two different types of hot-spot points (Al-Emrani & Aygül, 2014).

In addition to these extrapolation techniques, the one point stress with only one reference point can be used. The stress in this point will then correspond to the hot-spot stress at the weld toe. This point is $0.5t$ from the hot-spot point. It was found that this stress value must be multiplied with 1.12 to better approximate the hot-spot stress (Fricke, 2001). The one point stress can serve as a verification method for the extrapolation techniques (Al-Emrani & Aygül, 2014).

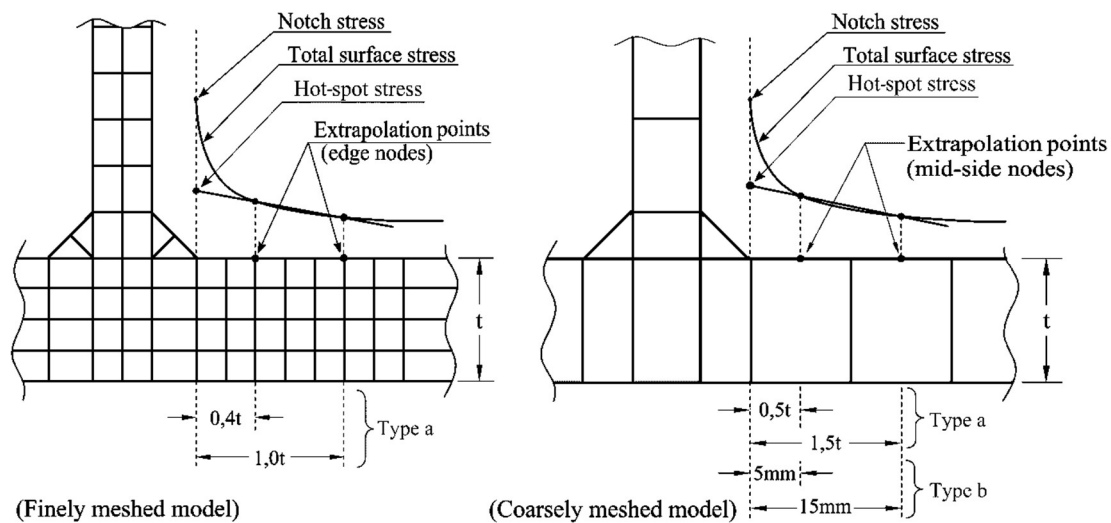


Figure 2.12 The stresses obtained from linear stress extrapolation technique, where a) is used for edge nodes and b) for mid-side nodes, redrawn from (Al-Emrani & Aygül, 2014).

2.3.2.4 Fatigue verification

The hot-spot stress from the FEA is compared with the S-N-curves in Eurocode 3, see Table 2.6.

Table 2.6 *S-N-curves for the hot-spot stress method from Eurocode 3.*

Detail description	$\Delta\sigma_C$ [MPa]
Full penetration butt joint, ground flushed	112
Full penetration butt joint	100
Cruciform joints, full penetration K-butt welds	100
Non load-carrying fillet welds	100
Bracket ends, ends of longitudinal stiffeners	100
Cover plate ends	100
Cruciform joints, load-carrying fillet welds	90

Equation (2.3) is used in order to obtain the fatigue life of the detail. $\Delta\sigma_{NS}$ is then $\Delta\sigma_{hss}$, i.e. hot-spot stress range, in this case. The stress range is also multiplied with a thickness correction factor:

$$\Delta\sigma_{hss,red} = k_s \Delta\sigma_{hss} \quad (2.9)$$

$$k_s = \left(\frac{t_{ref}}{t}\right)^n \quad (2.10)$$

$$t_{ref} = 25 \text{ mm}$$

$$0.1 \leq n \leq 0.3$$

To account for the misalignment in the detail, one must either multiply the stress range with a correction factor or implement the misalignment in the FE-model. The correction factor can be found in EN 1090-2:2002 and ISO 5817. Two examples are given in (Al-Emrani & Aygöl, 2014), see Figure 2.13 and Figure 2.14. One for eccentricity and one for angular displacement:

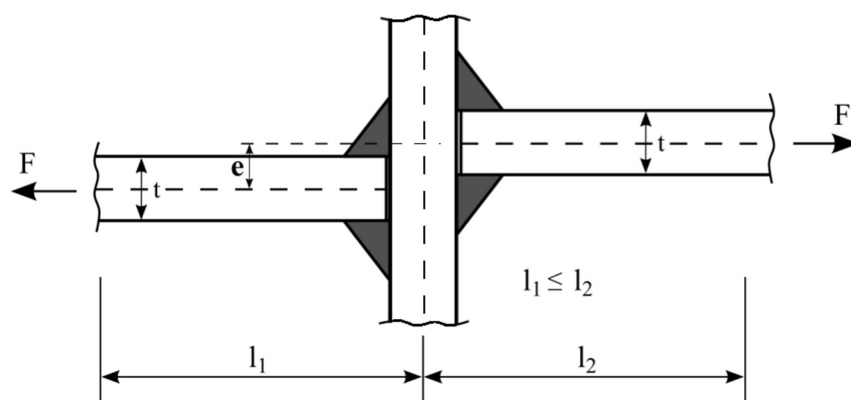


Figure 2.13 *An example of misalignment correction factor for eccentricity in cruciform joints with fillet welds (Al-Emrani & Aygöl, 2014).*

$$k_m = \lambda \frac{el_1}{t(l_1 + l_2)} \quad (2.11)$$

$\lambda = 3$ (fully restraint)

$\lambda = 6$ (unrestraint)

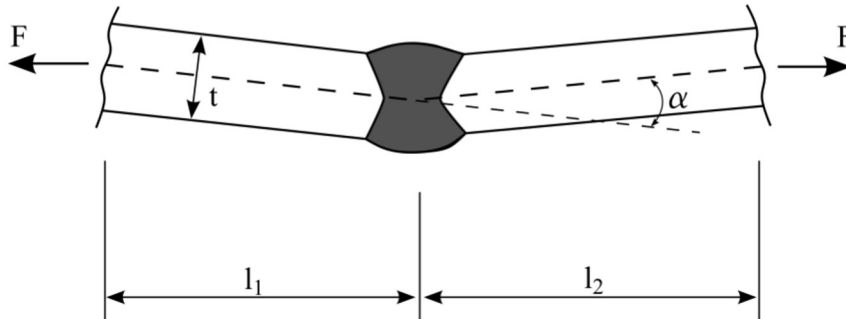


Figure 2.14 An example of misalignment factor for angular displacement in butt joints (Al-Emrani & Aygül, 2014).

$$k_m = 1 + \lambda \alpha \cdot \frac{l_1 l_2}{t(l_1 + l_2)} \quad (2.12)$$

$0.02 \leq \lambda \leq 0.04$ (in-plane displacements of transverse plate restricted)

$3 \leq \lambda \leq 6$ (otherwise)

2.3.2.5 Other structural stress approaches

There are a number of other structural approaches:

- “Through thickness structural stress approach” linearizes the stress distribution at the weld toe through the thickness of the plate. The advantage with this method is that it is mesh insensitive (Fricke, Sonsino, & Radaj D, 2006).
- “Battelle structural stress approach” uses an equilibrium condition between the stress distribution over the thickness at the weld toe and the stress at a distance, δ , from this point. The stress at the second point consists of the membrane and the bending stresses and the stress distribution from the two points must be in equilibrium (Dong, 2001)
- “1 mm structural stress approach” considers the stress at a depth of 1 mm from the surface at the weld toe and this stress is then the stress gradient of the plate thickness, if one does not consider the peak stress (Xiao & Yamada, 2004).

2.3.2.6 Example

To clarify how the workflow and the FE-modelling using the hot-spot stress method for a transverse non load-carrying attachment can be performed, an explanatory example will be studied. For this example, the flange thickness is 20 mm, the transverse attachment thickness 10 mm and the weld throat thickness set to 6 mm, see Figure 2.15. A linear extrapolation technique is chosen together with 3D elements. The hot-spot type for this detail is a, which can also be seen in Figure 2.11.

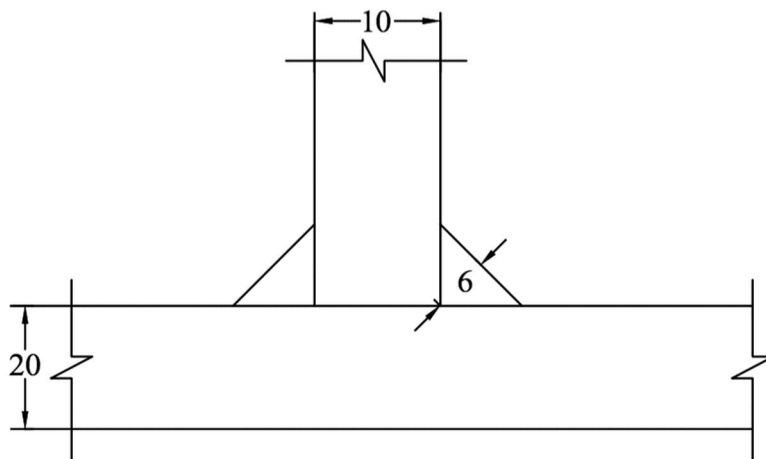


Figure 2.15 Example of a transverse attachment with its dimensions.

The modelling procedure is executed as follows:

1. Table 2.5 states that both coarse and fine mesh can be used with linear extrapolation technique.
2. Weld modelling is required according to Table 2.3. Coarse mesh with 20-node elements are chosen with 1 element over the plate thicknesses.
3. Linear extrapolation for type a hot-spot and coarse mesh size needs two extrapolation points with distance $0.5t$ respectively $1.5t$ according to Table 2.5.
4. The detail is meshed so that the element nodes and extrapolation points coincide, see Figure 2.12.
5. The static linear elastic analysis is performed.
6. Nodal stress values are extracted at the extrapolation points.
7. The stress is extrapolated to the cross section at the weld toe to obtain the hot-spot stress, see Figure 2.12.
8. The hot-spot stress is multiplied with the thickness correction factor from equation (2.9) and (2.10).
9. The hot-spot stress should also be multiplied with the misalignment correction factor from equation (2.11) if misalignment is present.
10. A non-load-carrying fillet weld gives a detail category of 100 MPa from Table 2.6.
11. The recommended partial factor from Eurocode, γ_{Mf} , is extracted from Table 2.1, if not the recommended value from the national annex is needed.
12. The fatigue life of the detail is calculated according to equation (2.3).

2.3.3 Effective notch stress method

Stress raisers such as porosities, sudden geometrical changes and undercuts are highly difficult to avoid completely in a welded structure. The stresses that occur at these positions are often denoted as “notch stresses” (Al-Emrani & Aygül, 2014). As opposed to the nominal stress method, the effective notch stress method, ENS, includes the effect of stress raisers at the examined notch. If the notch is sharp or even

coming close to a notch radius of zero it tends to become a point of singularity, where the stresses goes to infinity.

To avoid this problem, it was proposed in (Radaj, Sonsino, & Fricke, 2006) that the sharp notch is replaced with a reference notch radius. A radius of 1 mm has proven to be consistent in most cases, see Figure 2.16 (Hobbacher, 2009).

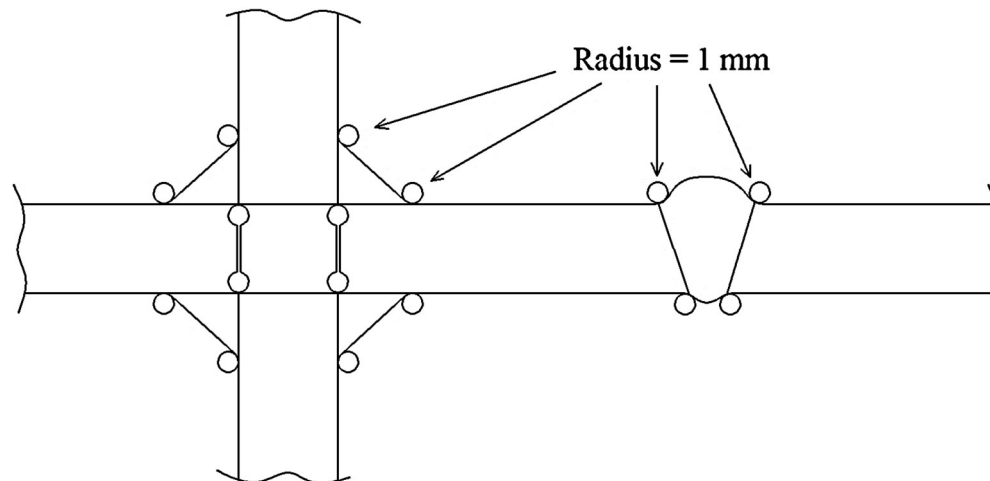


Figure 2.16 Rounding of sharp notches in the effective notch stress method, redrawn from (Sonsino, et al., 2010).

The principle of this method is to determine the fatigue life of a welded detail using the effective notch stress together with a single S-N-curve. This is of course an advantage compared to other methods where several detail categories may have to be combined in order to model the weld properly. The method is executed by means of a linear elastic FE-analysis since the definition of effective notch stress is when the elastic stress reaches its maximum value at the notch (Al-Emrani & Aygül, 2014).

2.3.3.1 Calculation of the effective notch radius

The idea with the effective notch stress method is to replace sharp notches with a fictitious radius to avoid singularity points, as previously stated. In 1968, Neuber invented a formula for this radius:

$$\rho_f = \rho + s\rho^* = 1 \text{ mm} \quad (2.13)$$

(Radaj, 1990) proposed recommendations for the variables in Neuber's formula when using the effective notch stress method:

$$\rho = 0 \text{ mm (actual notch radius, worst case) (Radaj, 1990)}$$

$$s = 2.5 \text{ (stress multiaxiality and strength criterion) (Radaj, 1990)}$$

$$\rho^* = 0.4 \text{ mm (micro – structural length, low strength steel) (Radaj, 1990)}$$

This proposal is only valid for steel plates thicker than 5 mm since it has shown that such large radius for thin plates will change the stress distribution.

Therefore, a radius of 0.05 mm is recommended for plate thicknesses thinner than 5 mm (Richter & Zhang, 2000).

2.3.3.2 FE-modelling

The angle, θ , for the fillet and butt welds are recommended to 30° respectively 45° , see Figure 2.17. There are two different modelling techniques for the weld root, U-shape and keyhole. The type of shape is dependent on the weld. For non-load-carrying welds, the U-shape underestimates the stresses at the weld root and the keyhole overestimates them. However, the U-shape is easier to model and since root cracking is not expected for a non-load-carrying weld, the U-shape is often used.¹ For load-carrying welds, the U-shape is recommended (Fricke, 2010).

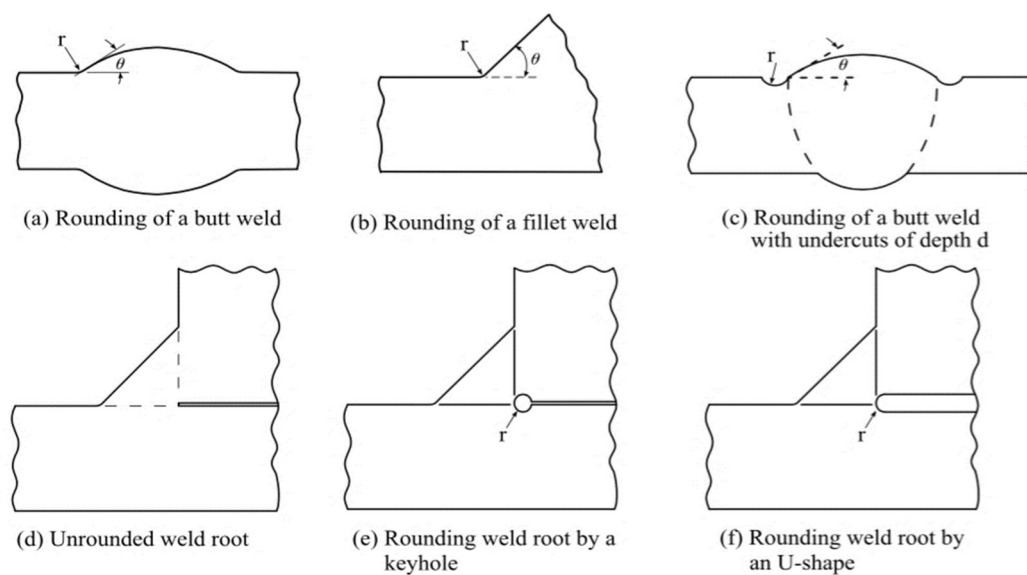


Figure 2.17 Modelling of notch stress radius for fillet and butt welds (Al-Emrani & Aygöl, 2014).

Both 2D plane strain solid and 3D solid elements can be used to calculate the notch stress, where the former is easier but often applicable for simpler geometries. This yields that 3D elements can be required. It must be noted that 2D shell elements should not be used with the effective notch stress method. The geometry must be exactly modelled and misalignments not covered in the S-N-curve must be modelled. When using 3D elements, the model can become too large and a sub-modelling technique can be used to overcome this problem (Al-Emrani & Aygöl, 2014).

The sub-modelling technique uses higher dense mesh in the areas of interest and a coarser mesh in the other parts of the structure. To achieve this, two finite element analyses are performed. The first FEA considers the whole structure with a coarse mesh. The stresses in the nodes on the cutting edges where the detail start are then

¹ Mohammad Al-Emrani (Associate Professor, Division of Structural Engineering, Chalmers University of Technology) meeting March 10th 2016.

extracted. These nodal stresses are then transferred to the analysis of the detail. It is important that the nodal positions are the same in both analyses. The detail is then modelled with a much denser mesh around the notches according to Table 2.7 and with a gradual transition from coarse to fine mesh.

Table 2.7 Recommended element size for different element types (Fricke, 2010).

Element type		Element size [mm]		
		Relative size	$r = 1$ mm ($t \geq 5$ mm)	$r = 0.05$ mm ($t < 5$ mm)
Hexahedral	Quadratic	$\leq r / 4$	0.25	0.012
	Linear	$\leq r / 6$	0.15	0.008
Tetrahedral	Quadratic	$\leq r / 6$	0.15	0.008

The different element types, i.e. linear and quadratic, can be seen in Figure 2.18. It should be noted that the quadratic element has mid-side nodes while the linear does not.

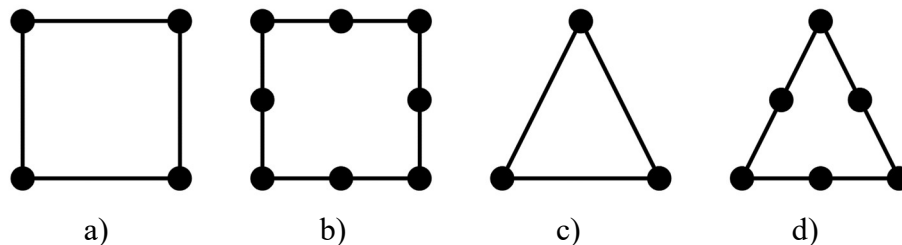


Figure 2.18 a) Hexahedral linear element, i.e. 1st order. b) Hexahedral quadratic element, i.e. 2nd order. c) Tetrahedral linear element, i.e. 1st order. d) Tetrahedral quadratic element, i.e. 2nd order.

2.3.3.3 Fatigue verification

Due to the fact that the effective notch stress method includes the stress raisers from the local geometry, only one S-N-curve is required in respect to detail geometry. However, two different S-N-curves are presented and recommended by IIW for the two different radius sizes. These can be seen in Table 2.8. When the stress state is uni-axial at the notch, the principal stress should be considered.

Should the stress state be multi-axial, e.g. both axial and shear stresses acting at the same time, von Mises effective stress might have to be considered. If the multi-axial stress state is proportional, i.e. the directions of the principal stresses are constant with increasing load, principal stresses can still be considered in the analysis. However, if the stress state is non-proportional so that the directions are not constant then von Mises effective stress should be considered (Fricke, 2010).

Table 2.8 S-N-curves for the effective notch stress method (Fricke, 2010).

Reference radius	$\Delta\sigma_C$ (Principal stress)	$\Delta\sigma_C$ (von Mises stress)
$r = 1$ mm	FAT225	FAT200
$r = 0.05$ mm	FAT630	FAT560

The obtained stress value is then inserted in the equation (2.3) to obtain the fatigue life of the detail. $\Delta\sigma_i$ is then $\Delta\sigma_{ENS}$, i.e. effective notch stress range, in this case.

2.3.3.4 Example

To clarify how the workflow and the FE-modelling using the effective notch stress method for a transverse non load-carrying attachment can be performed, an explanatory example is presented. The same detail as in the hot-spot stress example will be studied, see Figure 2.15. 2D plane strain solid quadratic hexahedral elements are chosen and the stress direction is constant in this example.

The modelling procedure is executed as follows:

1. The plate thicknesses are larger than 5 mm, which yields an effective notch radius of 1 mm according to Section 2.3.3.1.
2. For non-load-carrying welds, a U-shape is chosen for the weld root modelling due to practical reasons stated in Section 2.3.3.2.
3. Quadratic hexahedral elements with an effective notch radius of 1 mm yields a recommended element size of 0.25 mm in Table 2.7.
4. The detail is meshed so that elements with a size of 0.25 mm occur at the notches and the gradual transition from coarse to finer mesh is achieved, all according to Section 2.3.3.2.
5. The static linear elastic analysis is executed.
6. For constant stress direction, IIW recommends principal stress as output stress, as stated in Section 2.3.3.3.
7. The maximum principal stress is extracted.
8. A 1 mm reference radius with a principal stress yields a detail category of 225 MPa in Table 2.8.
9. The recommended partial factor from Eurocode, γ_{MF} , is extracted from Table 2.1, if not the recommended value from the national annex is needed.
10. The fatigue life of the detail is calculated according to equation (2.3).

3 Experimental data

To be able to verify and compare the results from the FE-analyses, data from experiments is gathered and summarised. The experimental data that is of interest comes from fatigue strength tests of non-load-carrying fillet welds, preferably where the dimensions of the specimens have been varied. This is to construct a database that can be compared with the parameter study performed on the detail of interest.

3.1 Experimental procedures

In general, the fatigue tests were conducted with two different setups depending on whether the tested specimen was a beam or a weld detail. Hydraulic fatigue testing machines were used to apply the needed load cycles on the specimen, most often with load frequencies ranging from 3 to 13 Hz. In (Fisher, et al., 1974) several attachments were welded to the beam specimens, see Figure 3.1.

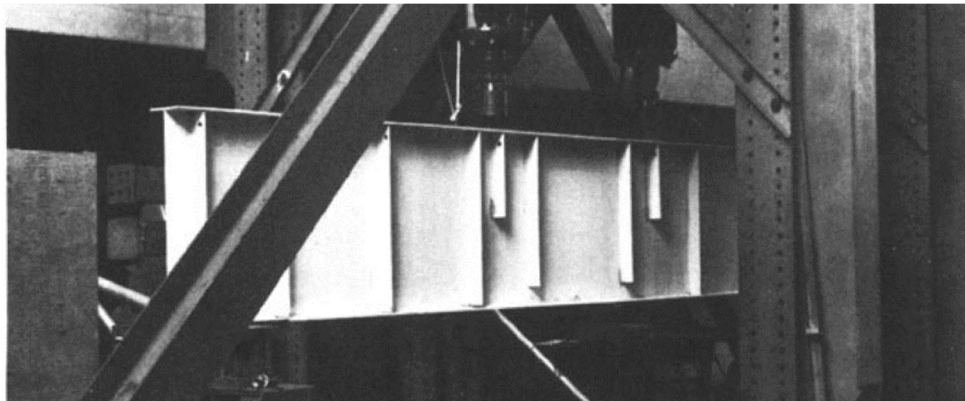


Figure 3.1 Beam test specimen with multiple attachments (Fisher, et al., 1974).

Attachments were placed in certain positions so that when one attachment failed, the experiment could be continued using a smaller span, see Figure 3.2.

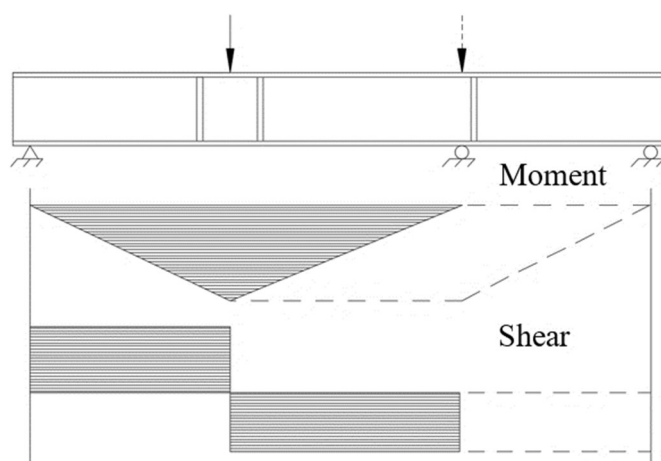


Figure 3.2 Continuation of experiment after cracking at one attachment, redrawn from (Fisher, et al., 1974).

Two point loads were applied on each beam at the beginning of each test series. When cracks appeared at one of the attachments, another support was added and the test was continued with a single point load in the middle of the span.

All double-sided specimens were manufactured as small-scale specimens. The specimens were clamped at each end of the main plate in the hydraulic machine and subjected to loads at a predefined frequency, see Figure 3.3 for an example of a typical configuration.



Figure 3.3 Typical fatigue experimental setup (Spadea & Frank, 2002).

3.2 Gathered experimental data

Table 3.1 lists the references from where the data is gathered as well as the number of tests and whether the test is performed on details or beams subjected to bending respectively.

Table 3.1 Sources from where experimental data is gathered.

Reference	# of tests	Detail/Beam	Single/Double stiffener
(Fisher, et al., 1974)	66	Beam	Single
(Gurney, 1991)	133	Detail	Double
(Albrecht & Friedland, 1979)	80	Detail	Double
(Puthli, Herion, & Bergers, 2006)	19	Detail	Double
(Kuhlmann, et al., 2005)	24	Detail	Double
(Klippstein & Schilling, 1989)	39	Detail	Double
(Gurney, 1995)	29	Detail	Double
(Berge, 1985)	8	Detail	Double
(Xiao & Yamada, 2004)	9	Detail	Double
	Σ 407		

A total of 407 fatigue test results from various sources have been found where the amount of experiments performed on details where only one attachment is welded to the main plate is quite limited. 66 of the total test results are one-sided. However, all

of the one-sided tests are performed on beams subjected to bending and therefore not applied on small-scale specimens, which means that effects, such as shear lag, might have to be considered in the FE-model. See Figure 3.4 for diagram over the results. All specimens had a distance L smaller than 50 mm, meaning that the detail category is C80 according to Eurocode 3.

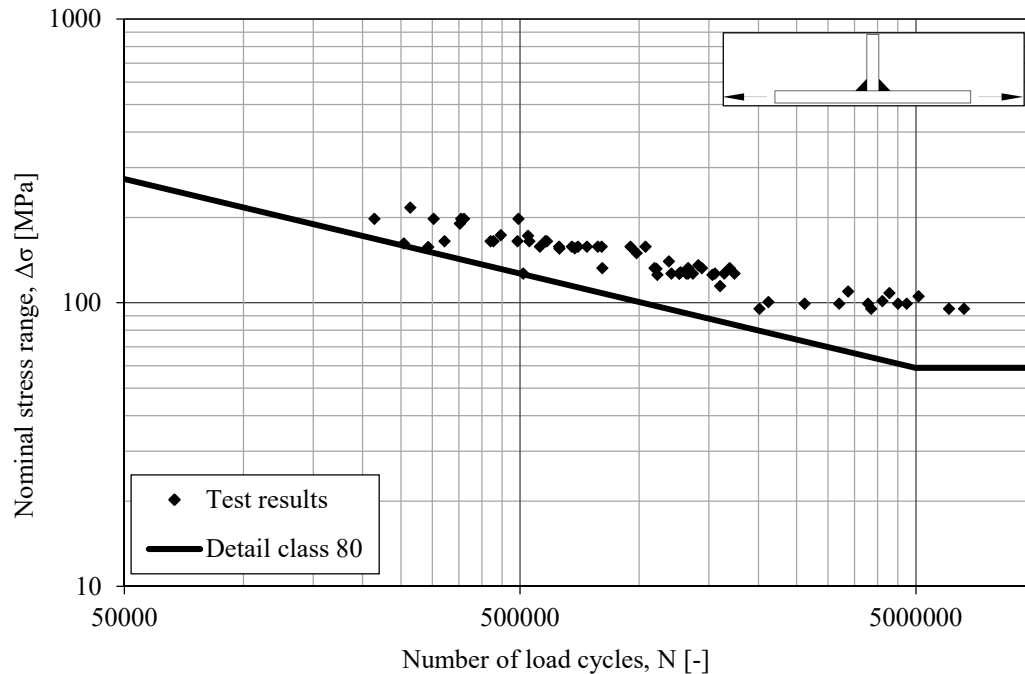


Figure 3.4 Experimental data of one-sided test specimens.

The double-sided test specimens, see Figure 3.5, constitutes over 80% of the constructed database. A great portion of the data comes from (Gurney, 1991) which also provides a good variation of the dimensions of the test specimens.

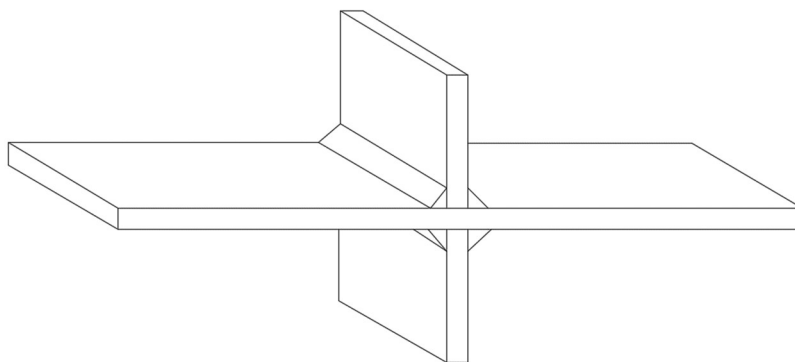


Figure 3.5 Test specimen with transverse stiffeners on both sides.

Some of the specimens in the gathered data are built up by steel plates, which have a very high thickness. The thickest plates used in the experiments are 220 mm thick and are not of interest in this field of application but still used in the verification. Figure 3.6 shows the test result for all specimens with double attachments together with lines representing detail categories C80 and C71 respectively.

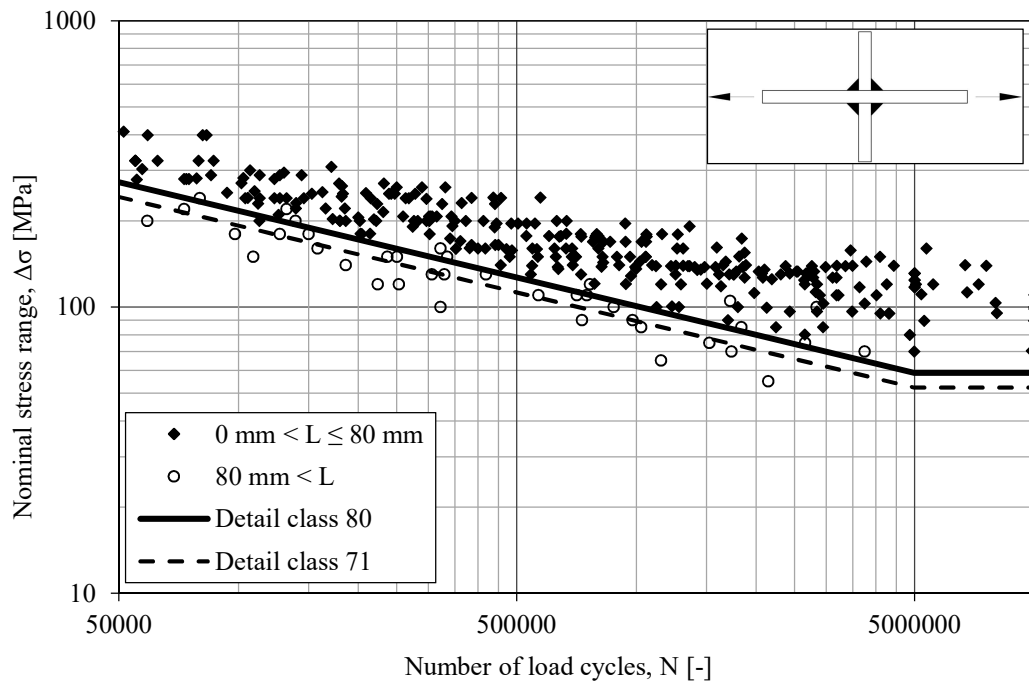


Figure 3.6 All experimental data of double-sided test specimens.

As can be seen in Figure 3.6, some of the points are located under the line for C71. This is simply due to the fact that the dimensions of these specimens are very large. In Eurocode 3, the maximum defined limit of L , i.e. the distance between weld toes, is 80 mm and in a few cases, it is up to 250 mm on the test specimens.

3.3 Organisation of experimental data

It is pointed out earlier that the calculated effective notch stress from the FE-analysis is used to calculate the stress concentration factor, K_t . The detail category C225, which is used for the effective notch method, is then divided with the stress concentration factor. This procedure is performed on the parameter study to convert the results into an equivalent detail category according to the nominal stress method.

In order to compare the fatigue test data with the parameter study, all relevant experimental data must be organized in groups based on parameters such as geometry etc., meaning that all data with specimens of the same dimensions are organised in the same group. For each of these groups, a separate detail category is calculated and compared to the FE-results to see how well the results are related. This comparison will be covered more thoroughly in Section 5.5. Tables with details of each group is found in Appendix A.

A detail category for each group is determined using a statistical evaluation of the test result where a linear regression is performed. The 95%-fractile with slope $m = 3$ is taken as the detail category for the current group.

In a few cases, specimens with similar values of L but different flange thicknesses, t_f , are put in the same group. The reason for this is discussed in Section 5.3.5. Figure 3.7 displays an example where all test data with flange thickness $t_f = 25.4$ mm and $L = 57$ mm are plotted. The fatigue strength class, $\Delta\sigma_C$, is in this particular case 80.4 MPa.

A summary of all calculated fatigue strength classes for the groups is found in tables in Appendix A.

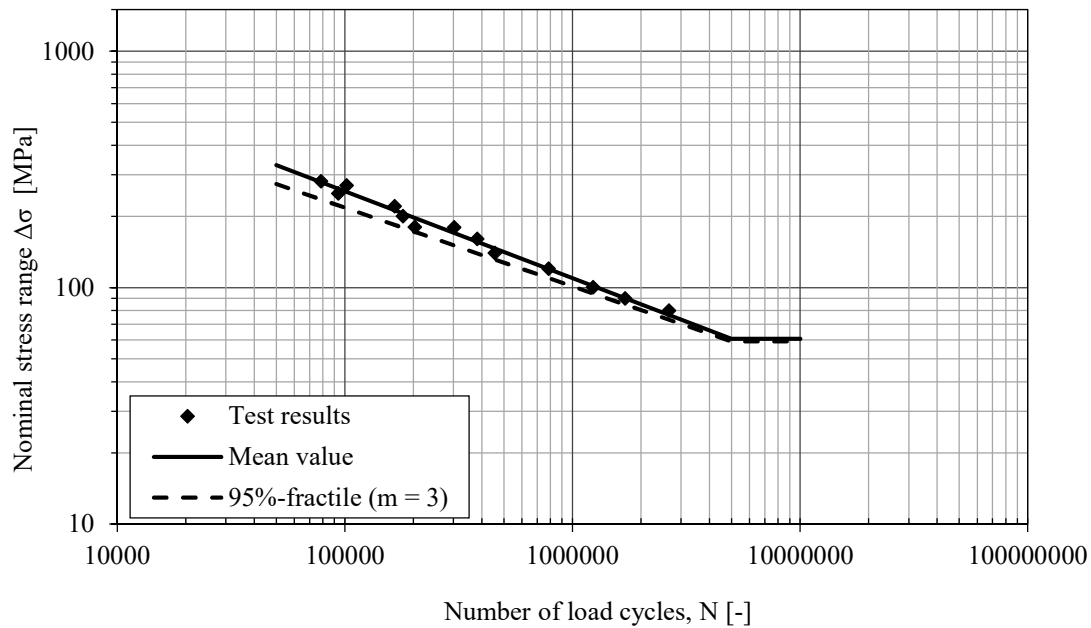


Figure 3.7 An example of the linear regression for the fatigue strength for test series with nominal stress range.

The calculated strength classes for each group are then plotted in the same diagram with respect to the distance L , see Figure 3.8. Groups where different flange thicknesses have been combined are written as an interval with the respective dimensions. “Double” and “Single” denotes whether stiffeners were welded to both sides of the main plate or only one respectively.

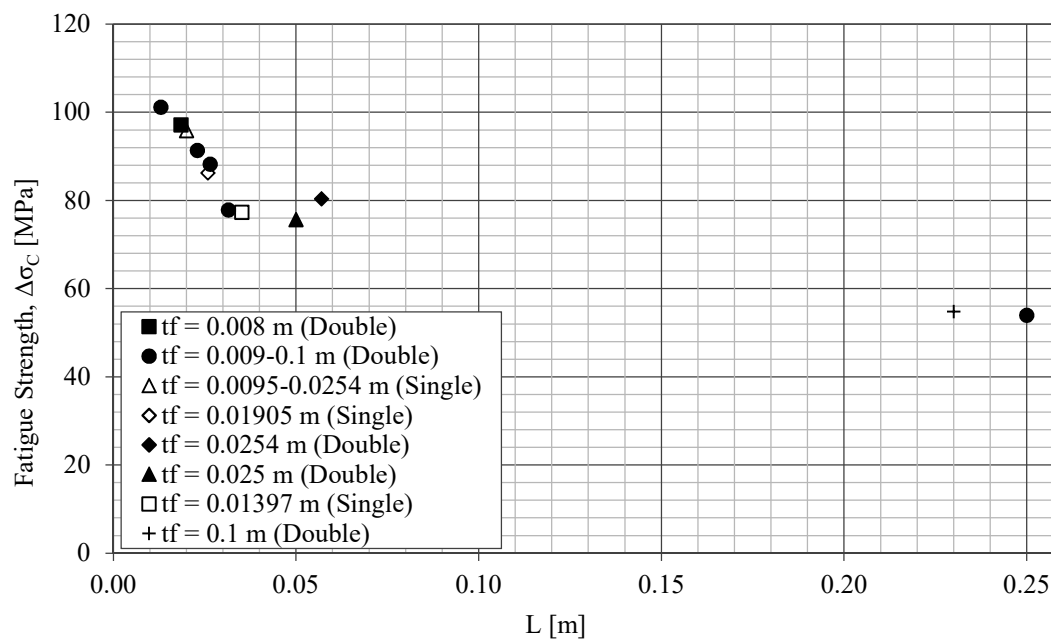


Figure 3.8 All experimental data organised together in groups based on dimensions and whether a single or two attachments are welded to the flange.

4 FE-modelling

The investigated detail for this report is, as previously explained, a transverse attachment, often found at web stiffeners for beams, see Figure 1.1. The following chapter will cover the procedure of the FE-modelling, i.e. how the geometry, material parameters, meshing, loading, boundary conditions and post-processing is executed. In order to make a general parameter study, 468 2D FE-analyses with different measurements are performed for one- and double-sided stiffeners, see Section 4.2.1. 68 of these FE-analyses are performed in order to study the individual effect of parameters, presented in Section 5.2. An additional 35 2D FE-analyses, based on the dimensions of the experimental data, are presented in Section 4.1. This yields a total number of 503 2D FE-analyses. A total of 9 3D FE-analyses are performed, where 5 of them are based on the dimensions from the experimental data in order to capture the 3D effects in the beam tests, see Section 4.3. In total, 512 FE-analyses are performed.

The FE-program used for the analysis is ADINA v.9.1.2 and the operating system is Linux. The software enables the user to create so called .in-files for the analysis, which are practical when performing a parameter study with many similar analyses with varying dimensions.

The .in-files contains all necessary code to run the desired analysis in ADINA. By using Excel, one can easily change different parameters in the code. These files can then be created and saved by an Excel-macro, see Appendix B. The .in-files and the corresponding FE-analyses as well as the extraction of the stresses are performed automatically by writing a script for the Linux terminal window. A flowchart of the process can be seen in Figure 4.1. All files used in the FE-analysis are appended in Appendix B.

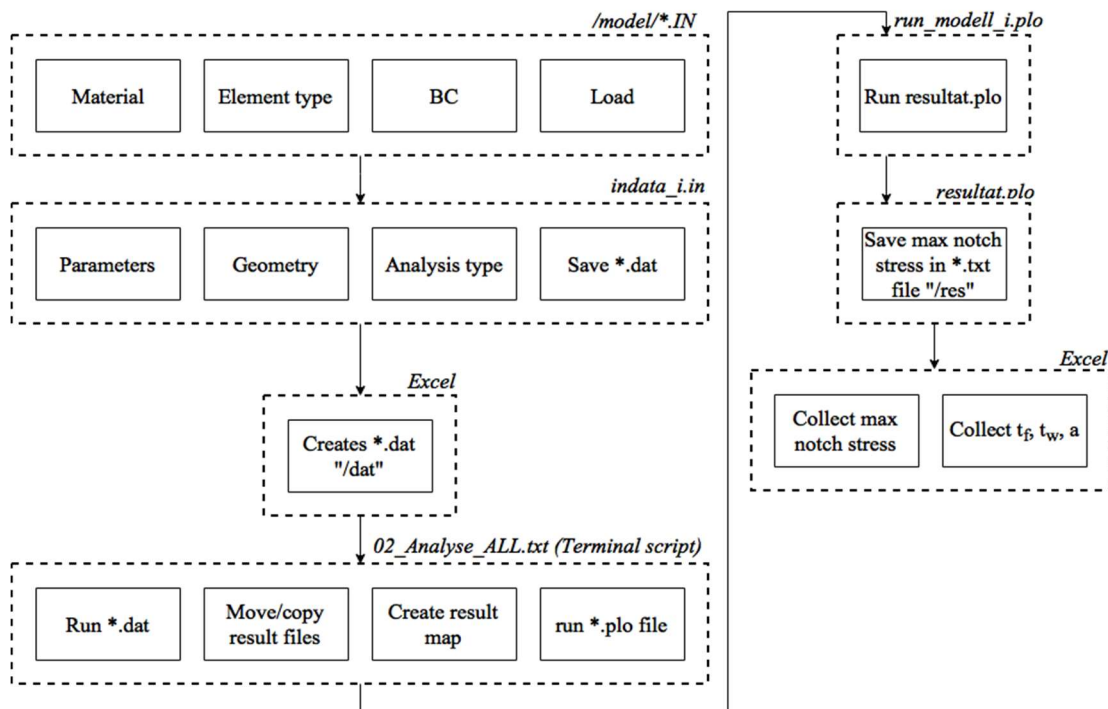


Figure 4.1 Flowchart illustrating the FE-process.

4.1 FE-models from experimental specimens

In order to obtain the fatigue strength class of the experimental data using the effective notch stress method, all dimensional configurations of the experimental data are used as input in the FE-analyses. In Figure 3.6, it can be seen that the data points have a quite high scatter. Similar specimens resist a different number of load cycles even though they were subjected to the same stress range. This is due to the fact the nominal stress does not take the full geometry of the detail into consideration as well as discontinuities, whether the weld is stress-relieved and so forth. As mentioned in Section 2.3.3, the effective notch stress method is able to include the effects of plate thicknesses, weld geometry and discontinuities. This means that the scatter of the results can be reduced significantly by using ENS to determine the fatigue life.

Since many of the tested specimens have similar dimensions, it is not necessary to run a FE-analysis for every data point gathered. Instead, each set of dimensions, i.e. each test series, is used as input for each analysis, resulting in a total of 30 FE-analyses for double-sided stiffeners and 6 for one-sided as stated in Section 5.5.

From the analyses, the stress concentration factor K_t is calculated. The nominal stress for each experimental data point corresponding to the analysed group is then multiplied with the stress concentration factor to get the notch stress of each test. When these notch stresses are plotted together with the number of load cycles until failure, a diagram with less scatter is obtained. See Section 5.2 for the results.

4.2 2D model

Since the experimental data consists of specimens with attachments welded to one side and both sides of the main plate, 2D models are created for both cases. A 2D model with plane strain elements is obviously an idealisation and might not be valid in all cases. In such cases where an idealisation like this is not possible, a more detailed model might be needed such as a 3D model. The following section will cover the work regarding construction of the 2D model.

4.2.1 Geometry

The geometry of the detail consists of a horizontal plate, representing the flange of the beam, a vertical plate, representing the web stiffener, and two equilateral triangles on both sides of the vertical plate, representing the welds. The angle of the welds are 45° . The measurements that will be changed in the analyses are the flange thickness, t_f , the web stiffener thickness, t_w , and the weld throat thickness, a , see Figure 4.2. The same geometry is used for both the one-sided and double-sided case but as will be mentioned in Section 4.2.4, the boundary conditions are slightly different.

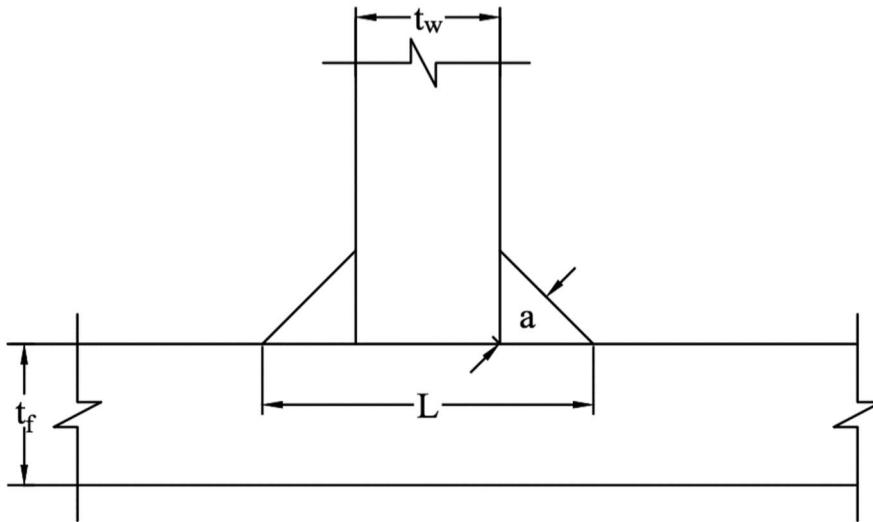


Figure 4.2 Parameters for the investigated detail, transverse attachment.

In this parameter study, the limitations of the measurements are:

$$20 \text{ mm} \leq t_f \leq 60 \text{ mm} \quad (\text{Step size of } 10 \text{ mm})$$

$$0.3t_f \leq t_w \leq t_f \quad (\text{Step size of } 0.1t_f)$$

$$0.1t_w + 0.0024 \leq a \leq 0.5t_w + 0.0024 \quad (\text{Step size of } 0.1t_w)$$

Note that 2.4 mm is added to the weld throat geometry to increase the size of the smallest weld in the study, which otherwise would be 0.6 mm.

The length, L , can be calculated as:

$$L = t_w + 2\sqrt{2}a \quad (4.1)$$

Since the plate thicknesses are not less than 5 mm, an effective notch radius of 1 mm according to equation (2.13) is chosen. This radius complies both with the notches at the weld toes and also to the modelling of the weld root, see Figure 2.16. The weld root is modelled with a U-shape since no root cracking is expected, see Figure 2.17(f). The distance from the weld toes to the end edge of the plates is set to 60 mm.

4.2.2 Material

The investigated material is structural steel and the parameters for the analysis can be seen in Table 4.1. Since the method is performed by a linear elastic analysis, nonlinear material parameters are not needed. Even though the material density is specified, the gravitational force is not considered in the analysis.

Table 4.1 Table of the chosen material parameters.

Modulus of elasticity, E [GPa]	210
Poisson's ratio, ν [-]	0.3
Density, ρ_s [kg/m ³]	7800

4.2.3 Meshing

As presented in Table 2.7, there are recommendations for the maximum allowable mesh size depending on the element type and effective notch radius. In this analysis, 2D-solid plane strain quadratic hexahedral elements are used together with an effective notch radius of 1 mm. This yields a maximum allowable mesh size of 0.25 mm at the area surrounding the notches. The mesh size is then gradually increased from the notches according to the recommendation described in Section 2.3.3, see Figure 4.3 and Figure 4.4.

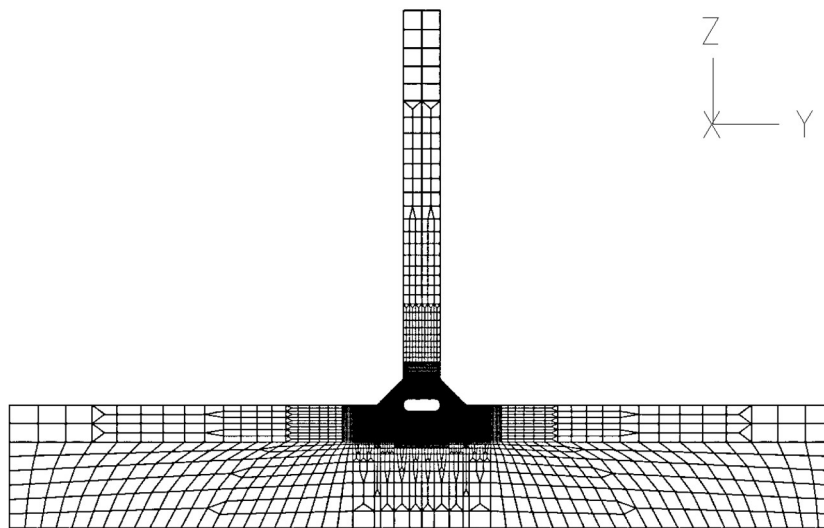


Figure 4.3 Mesh size of the entire geometry.

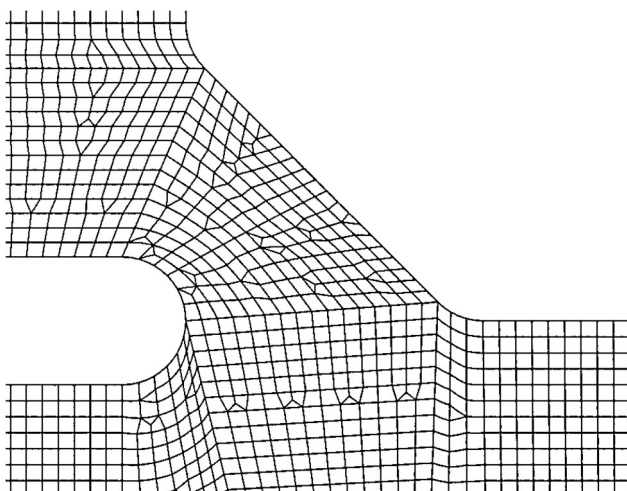


Figure 4.4 Mesh size of the area around the notches.

4.2.4 Loading and boundary conditions

A tensile stress of 1 MPa is applied on the left edge of the horizontal plate, which is meant to simulate the flange stress from the bending moment in a beam, see Figure 4.5. The stress is assumed constant over the height of the plate, while it in reality is varying over the thickness with a linear relationship. This simplification is considered as allowable. By choosing a nominal stress of 1 MPa, one can easily calculate the stress concentration factor, K_t .

In the one-sided case, the horizontal plate is prevented from moving in lateral direction at the bottom corners and prevented from moving in horizontal direction at the right-most edge, see Figure 4.5.

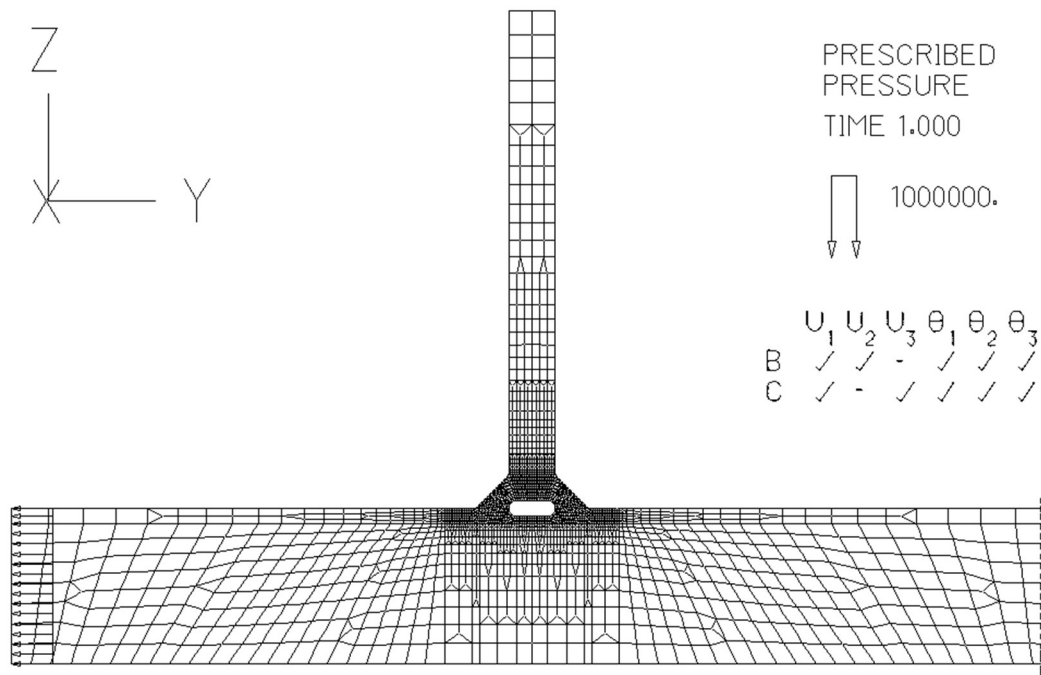


Figure 4.5 Applied load and boundary conditions on one-sided stiffener.

As mentioned earlier, the geometry is similar in the case where attachments are welded to both sides of the main plate. A symmetry line is added to the bottom of the plate to reduce the time needed for solving compared to if the full model would be constructed, see Figure 4.6. Since symmetry is used to construct the model, half of the analysed flange thickness must be used to construct the geometry in order to get correct dimensions of the full model.

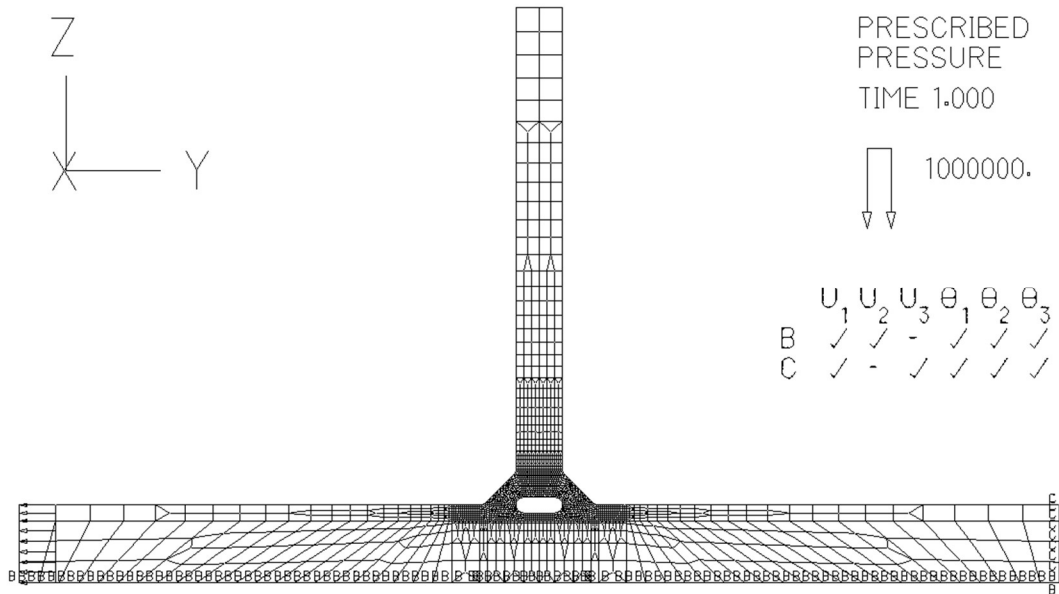


Figure 4.6 Applied load and boundary conditions on double-sided stiffener.

4.2.5 Model verification and mesh convergence

To verify the FE-analyses, one of the FE-models is verified by comparing the applied force and the corresponding reaction forces. The sum of the reaction forces at the boundary, gives a result of 19999.992 N. This value is then compared with the applied force at the opposite side, which has a magnitude of 20000 N. The forces are corresponding well to each other, indicating that the model seems to be correct. A study of the shape of the deflections is also carried out and is considered reasonable. The deformation plots for both one- and double-sided stiffener are seen in Figure 4.7 and Figure 4.8 respectively.

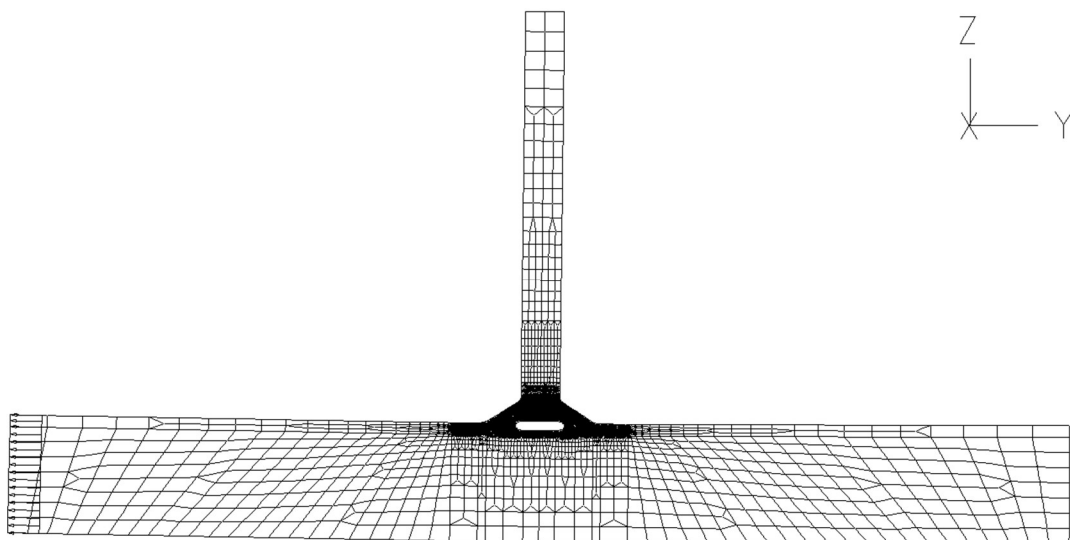


Figure 4.7 Deformation including the small rotation for one-sided stiffener.

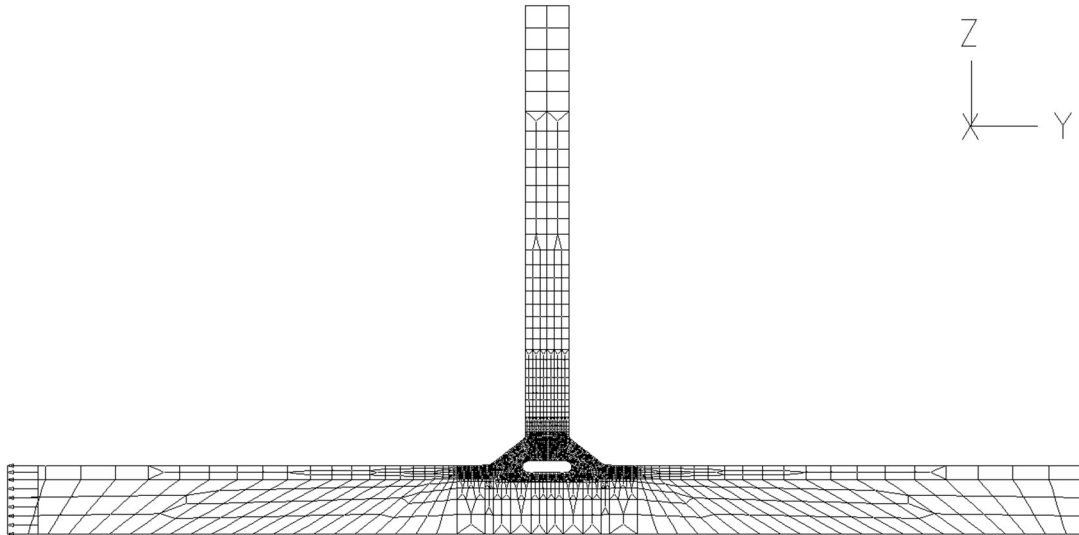


Figure 4.8 Deformation with no rotations for double-sided stiffener.

The chosen mesh size around the notches is 0.25 mm, as described in Section 4.2.3. The value is a recommendation from IIW and the mesh convergence study can be seen in Figure 4.9 and Table 4.2, where it also can be seen that the maximum principal stress is considered to have reached convergence at the chosen element size. The elements further away from the notches are gradually becoming larger and are chosen so that the 1:2 ratio recommendation regarding width and length of the elements is not exceeded.

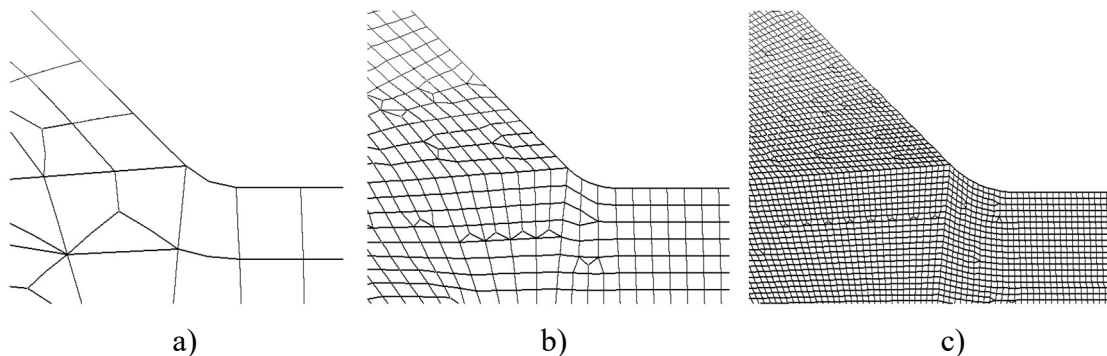


Figure 4.9 Mesh convergence study for the mesh size around the notches a) 1 mm, b) 0.25 mm and c) 0.0625 mm.

Table 4.2 Mesh convergence study in 2D for the mesh size around the notches.

Mesh size [mm]	1	0.25	0.0625
Maximum principal stress, ENS [MPa]	1.938	2.401	2.396

4.2.6 Post-processing results

Since the stress is uni-axial, the maximum principal stress will represent the effective notch stress according to Table 2.8. When studying the principal stress at the notch region in Figure 4.10, one can see that the maximum principal stress occurs at the notch as predicted. In addition, a smaller stress concentration can be seen at the weld

root notch. The major part of the horizontal plate experiences a stress of 1 MPa, which corresponds to the nominal stress. The maximum principal stress is extracted from all FE-models and the data is presented in Appendix C.

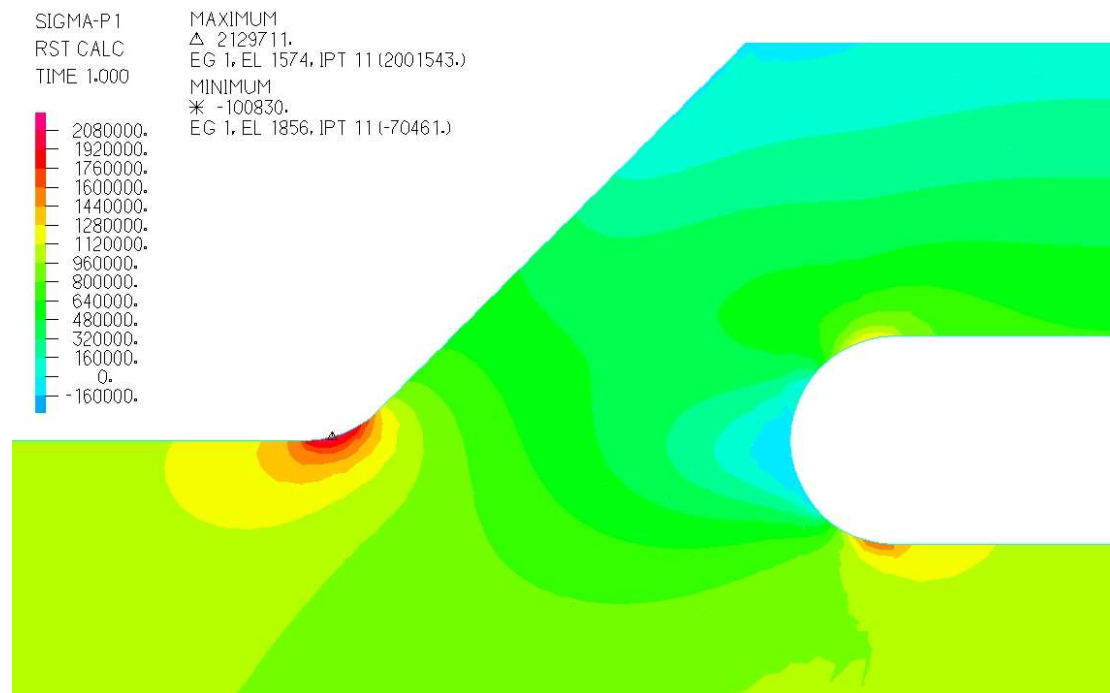


Figure 4.10 Maximum principal stress for one 2D FE-model.

To be able to compare the maximum principal notch stresses, i.e. the effective notch stresses, with the experimental data presented in Section 5.4, the stresses must be converted to corresponding detail category.

From Section 4.2.4:

$$\sigma_{NS} = 1 \text{ MPa}$$

From equation (2.2):

$$K_t = \frac{\sigma_{ENS}}{\sigma_{NS}} \quad (4.2)$$

From Table 2.8:

$$\sigma_{c,ENS} = 225 \text{ MPa}$$

From Eurocode 3:

$$\Delta\sigma_{NS}^m N = \Delta\sigma_{c,NS}^m \cdot 2 \cdot 10^6 \quad (4.3)$$

Gives:

$$N = \left(\frac{\Delta\sigma_{c,NS}}{\Delta\sigma_{NS}} \right)^m \cdot 2 \cdot 10^6 \quad (4.4)$$

The corresponding equation for effective notch stress range is:

$$N = \left(\frac{\Delta\sigma_{c,ENS}}{\Delta\sigma_{ENS}} \right)^m \cdot 2 \cdot 10^6 \quad (4.5)$$

The fatigue life, N , should be the same for both approaches and yields:

$$\Delta\sigma_{c,NS} = \frac{\Delta\sigma_{c,ENS}}{\Delta\sigma_{ENS}} \cdot \Delta\sigma_{NS} \quad (4.6)$$

Substitution with K_t yields:

$$\Delta\sigma_{c,NS} = \frac{\Delta\sigma_{c,ENS}}{K_t} \quad (4.7)$$

The obtained detail category from equation (4.7) can then be compared with the detail categories from the experimental data in Chapter 3. This can be seen in Section 5.4.

4.3 3D model

As discussed in Section 5.1.3, 3D-analyses of the one-sided stiffeners from beam tests may be needed in order to capture all effects. A 3D model is more accurate than a 2D model, as previously mentioned in Section 4.2. This section will cover the modelling of these 3D-analyses and the post-processing of the results.

4.3.1 Geometry

The 3D model consists of a beam with transverse stiffeners on both sides of the web located at the midsection of the beam to replicate the one-sided attachment experiments described in Section 3.1. An example of how the experiments are performed can be seen in Figure 3.1. All the geometrical data of the beams and the web stiffeners can be seen in Appendix A.

In order to reduce the size of the analysis, two symmetry planes are used. The first symmetry plane is the x-z-plane, mirroring the geometry at the midsection of the web with y-translation prevented. The second symmetry plane is the y-z-plane, mirroring the geometry at the midsection of the transverse stiffener, see Figure 4.11.

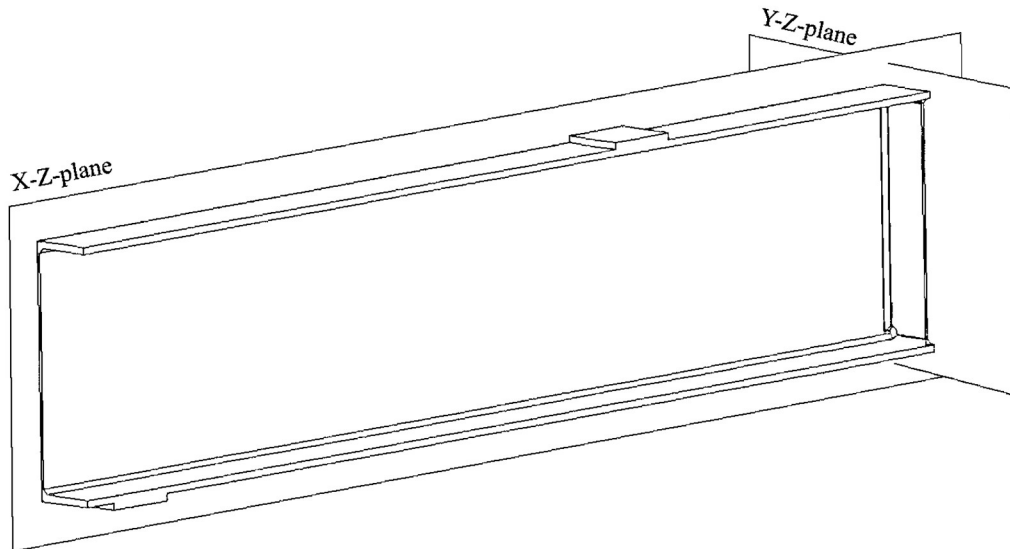


Figure 4.11 The geometry of the 3D models with two symmetry planes.

Two plates are placed at the location of the support and load application respectively. Cope holes at the corners of the transverse stiffener to the web are assumed and their dimension is assumed as well since no information of this is given. The transverse stiffener is welded all around the connecting perimeters with a weld angle of 45° and the notches have a rounding notch of 1 mm, see Figure 4.12.

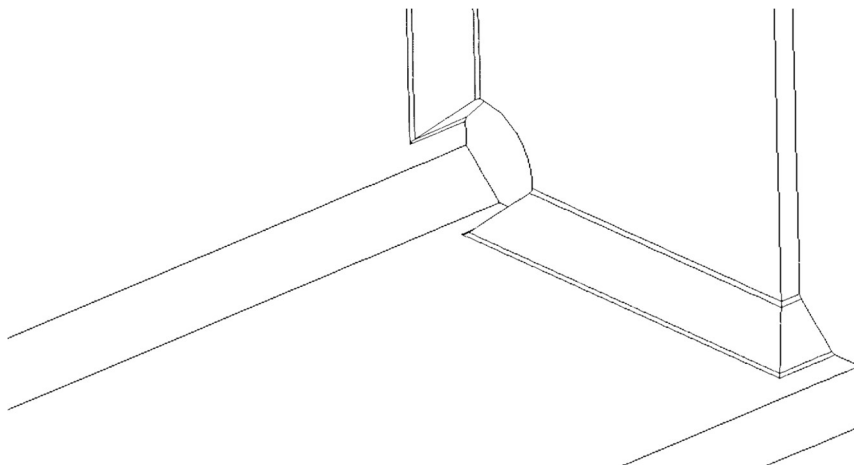


Figure 4.12 The geometry of the welds at the transverse stiffener.

4.3.2 Material

The material is structural steel and the material parameters for the 3D model are the same as for the 2D model described in Section 4.2.2, which can be seen in Table 4.1. As previously stated, the method is performed by a linear elastic analysis and therefore nonlinear material parameters are not needed. The gravitational force is not considered in the 3D-analysis as well.

4.3.3 Meshing

There are recommendations for the maximum allowable mesh size for the 3D analysis as well and the same recommendations, as presented in Table 2.7, for the 2D model applies. The chosen element type for the analyses are quadratic 10-node 3D-solid tetrahedral elements. The same mesh size recommendations as for tetrahedral applies. Since the notches are 1 mm, the maximum recommended mesh size is then 0.15 mm. The mesh size is also gradually increased from the notches, as seen in Figure 4.13 and Figure 4.14.

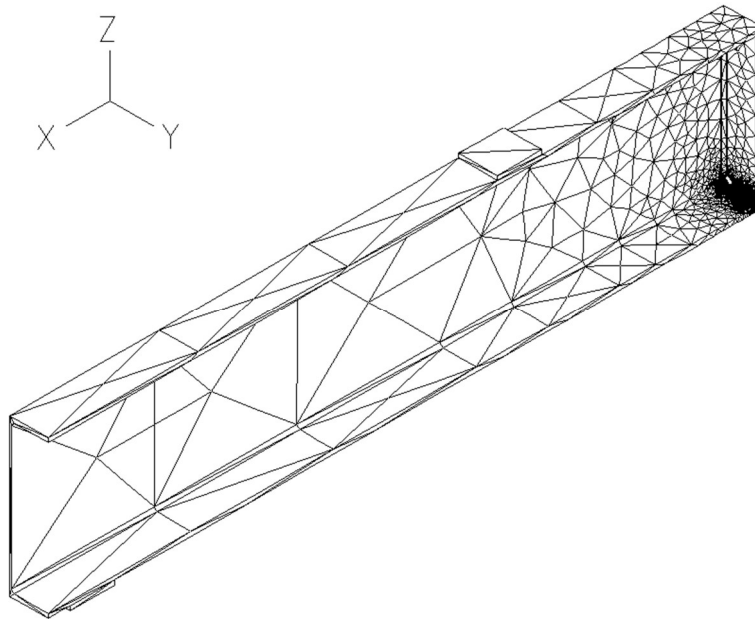


Figure 4.13 Meshing of the entire 3D geometry.

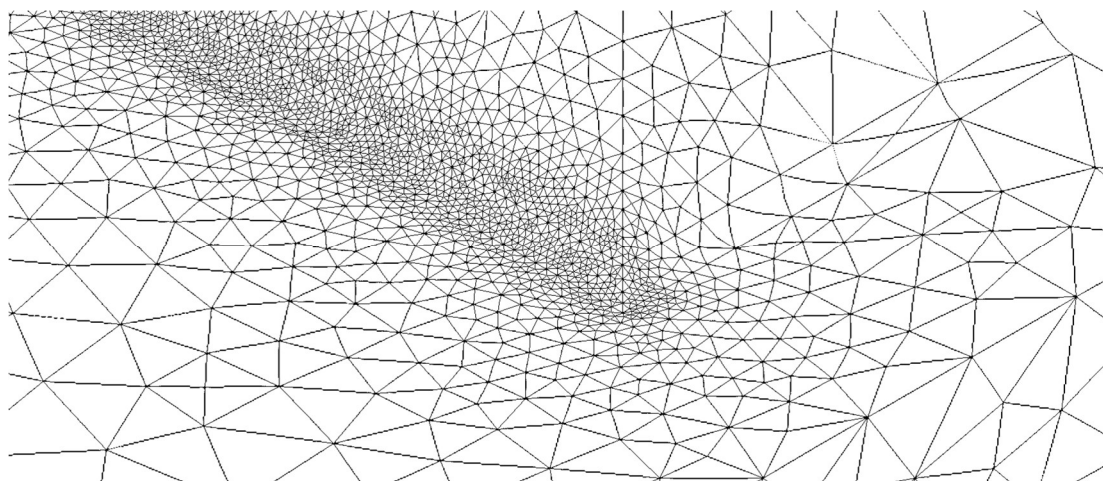


Figure 4.14 Mesh around the notches in the 3D analysis.

4.3.4 Loading and boundary conditions

The beam is subjected to four point bending, i.e. simply supported in both ends and two point loads evenly distributed over the beam length, see Figure 4.15. The loads are of a magnitude of 1 MPa distributed over the loading plates described in Chapter 4.3.1, which yields a maximum moment in the mid-section. The nominal stress in the

flange can then be obtained by using Navier's formula from equation (2.8), see Section 4.3.6.

The two symmetry planes in Section 4.3.1 yields additional boundary conditions at those planes. Boundary conditions C and D represents those boundary conditions, see Figure 4.15. The beam is supported at the inner edge of the support plane in order to represent a simply supported beam, represented by boundary conditions B in Figure 4.15.

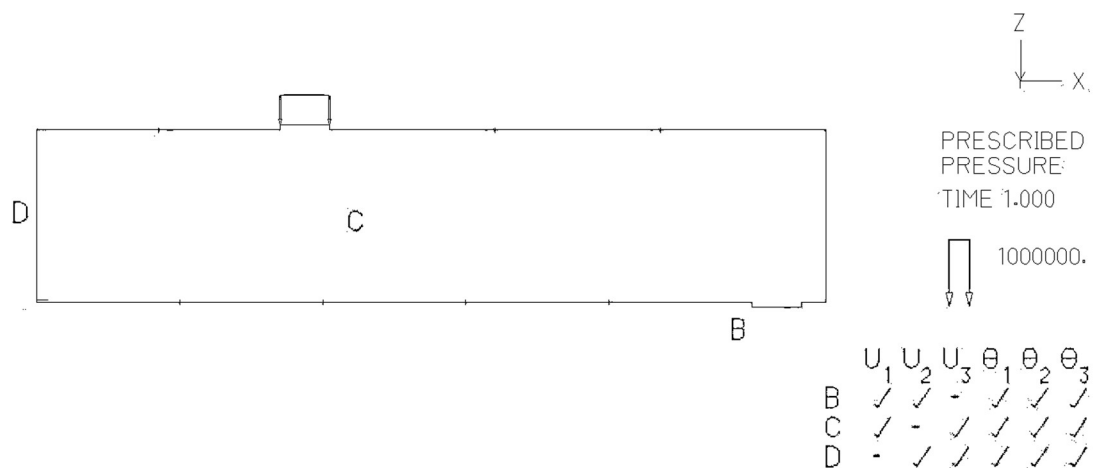


Figure 4.15 Applied load and boundary conditions on the 3D models, view from the backside of the web symmetry plane.

4.3.5 Model verification and mesh convergence

The sum of the reaction forces for the models are compared with the applied load and conforms well. The deflection is also studied and the beam deflects as expected, which is seen in Figure 4.16.

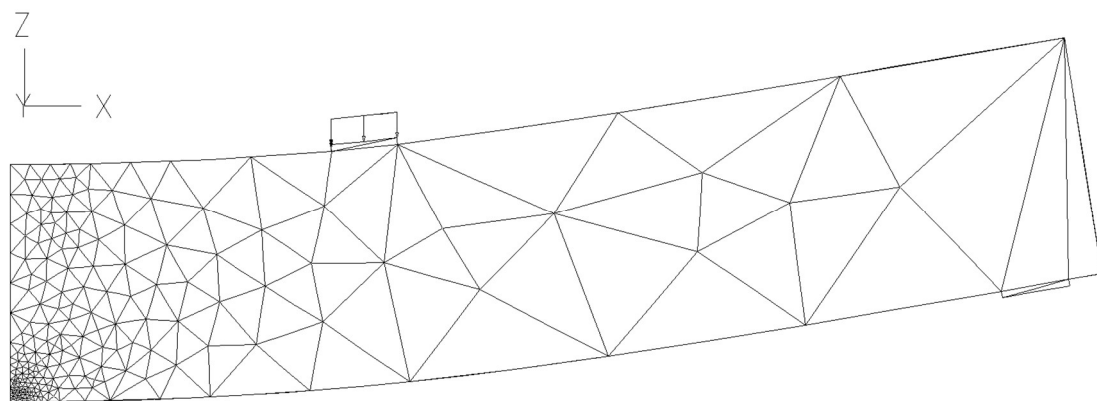


Figure 4.16 Deformation of beam in 3D.

A mesh convergence test is performed on the elements around the notches. It can be seen in Table 4.3 that the maximum principal stress is considered to have reached convergence at 0.15 mm mesh size. Due to computational limitations in the computer program used, smaller element size could not be obtained. Larger element sizes to show the convergence could also not be used, since the size of the notch prevents

larger elements as seen in Figure 4.17. The different element sizes used in the convergence test can be seen in Figure 4.17.

Table 4.3 Mesh convergence study in 3D for the mesh size around the notches.

Mesh size [mm]	1	0.5	0.3	0.15
Number of elements [-]	36404	99905	218948	733078
Maximum principal stress, ENS [MPa]	54.57	52.99	51.99	50.98

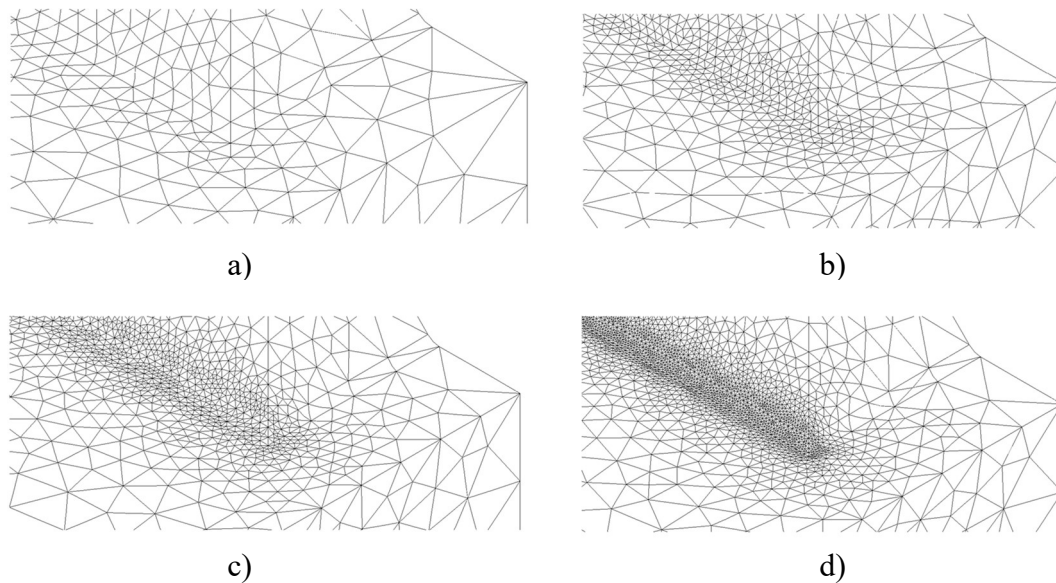


Figure 4.17 Mesh convergence study for the mesh size around the notches a) 1 mm, b) 0.5 mm, c) 0.3 mm and d) 0.15 mm.

4.3.6 Post-processing results

Since the stress at the flange is uni-axial, the maximum principal stress will represent the effective notch stress according to Table 2.8. It can be seen in Figure 4.18 that the maximum principal stress occurs at the weld toe as expected. The weld root stress is not considered in the analysis due to model size and since it can be expected not to exceed the weld toe stress, which the results from the 2D analysis are proving.

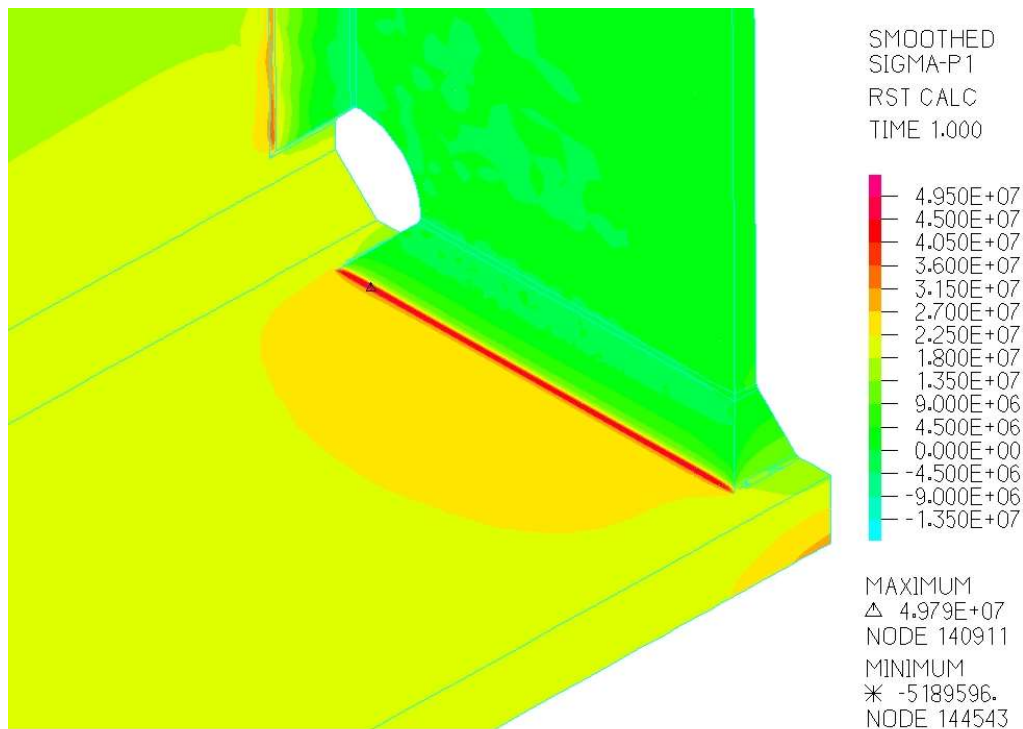


Figure 4.18 Maximum principal stress for one 3D FE-model.

The nominal stress at the upper edge of the flange is calculated by using Navier's formula of the cross section, see equation (2.8). Since the transverse stiffener is located at the mid-section of the beam, the maximum moment over the beam is used in the calculation. Equation (4.2) stated in Section 4.2.6, which converts the effective notch stress to a concentration factor so that the corresponding fatigue strength class can be obtained in equation (4.7), applies to the 3D-results as well.

5 Results

The results from the FE-analyses are divided into three main parts. The first part covers the FE-analyses based on the experimental data whereas the second part consists of the fictitious geometry specifications, i.e. the parameter study. This part investigates the influencing parametrical factors of the detail as well as compares the found results to Eurocode 3. Finally, the experimental data is used to verify the results based on the parametric study.

5.1 Effective notch stress comparisons

The following sections are presented to verify that the effective notch stress method does consider more geometrical parameters compared to e.g. the nominal stress method. Moreover it is also investigated whether the given strength class of $\Delta\sigma_{C,ENS} = 225$ MPa is reasonable. This is done by applying the effective notch method on the gathered experimental results.

5.1.1 Comparison between nominal and effective notch stress

In this section, the difference between the nominal stress, NS, and the effective notch stress, ENS, will be studied. As discussed in Section 4.1, the nominal stress from the experiment is multiplied with K_t obtained from the FE-analyses, see Appendix C for the K_t -values. One can see that when comparing double-sided stiffeners in Figure 5.1 for nominal stress with Figure 5.2 for effective notch stress, the scatter in the results decreases when effective notch stress is studied. This is because the effective notch stress method takes more effects into account as described in Section 2.3.3.

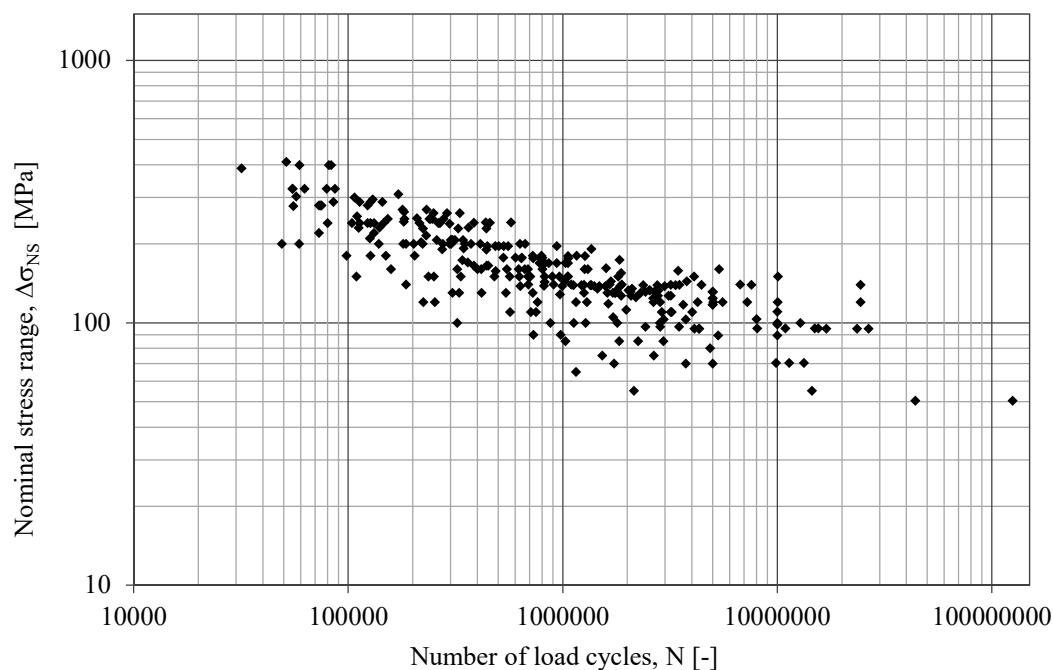


Figure 5.1 *S-N-curve for experimental data with nominal stress for double-sided stiffeners.*

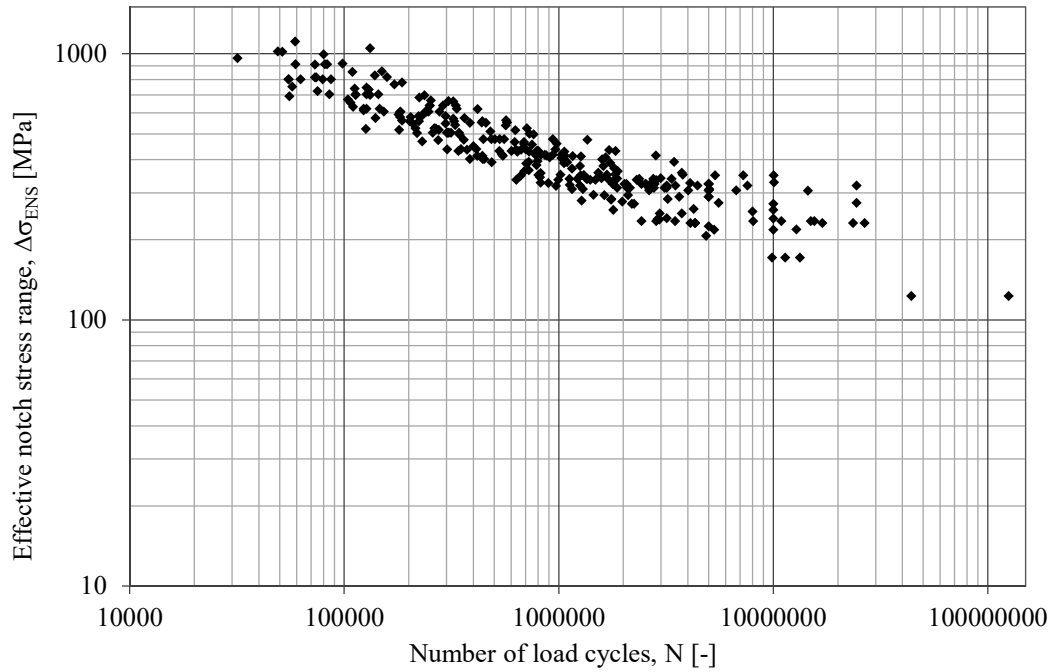


Figure 5.2 *S-N-curve for experimental data with effective notch stress from FE-results for double-sided stiffeners.*

One can also see that the same phenomenon appears when comparing one-sided stiffeners in Figure 5.3 and Figure 5.4.

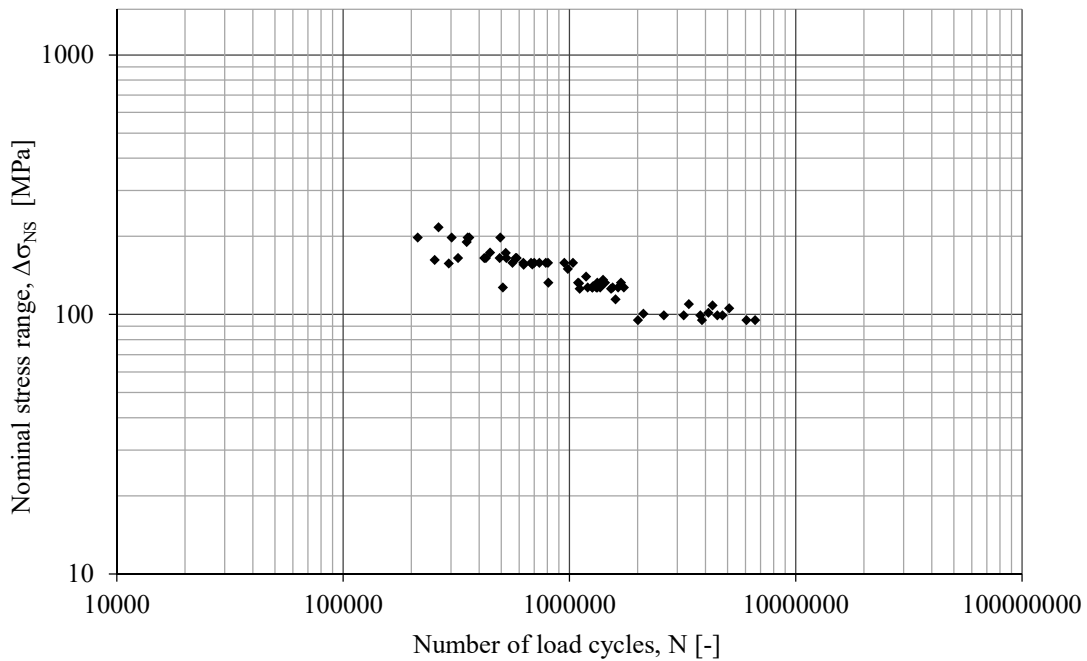


Figure 5.3 *S-N-curve for experimental data with nominal stress for one-sided stiffeners.*

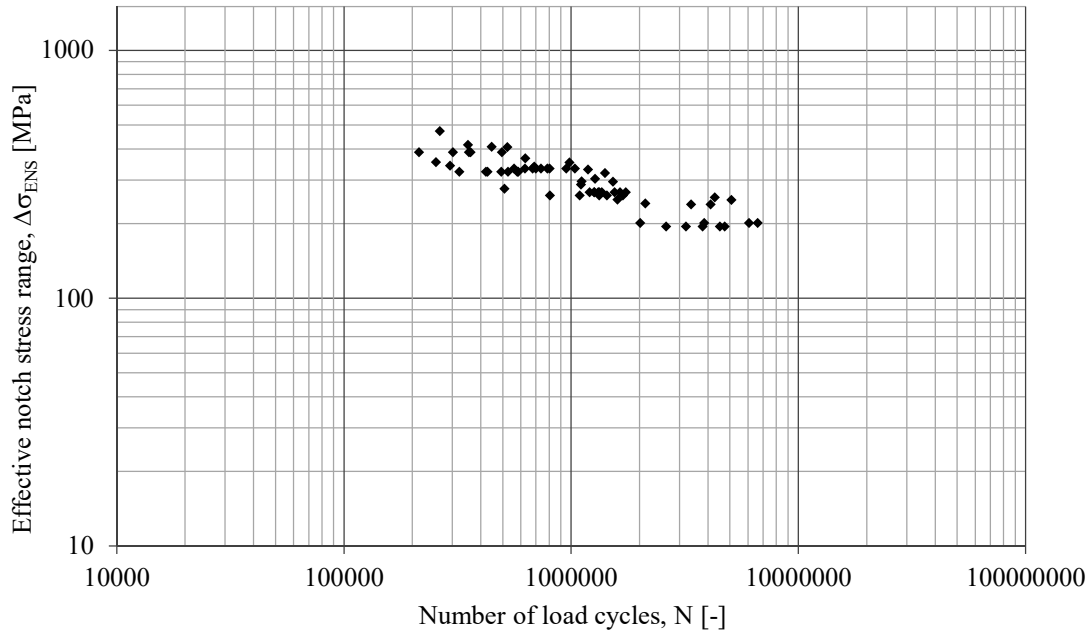


Figure 5.4 *S-N-curve for experimental data with effective notch stress from FE-results for one-sided stiffeners.*

5.1.2 Fatigue strength class for FE-analyses in 2D

In accordance to (CEN, 2002) a linear regression is performed on the results from the notch stress analyses performed on the experimental data to obtain a fatigue strength class. It is taken as the 95%-fractile of the stress range at 2 million load cycles with a slope $m = 3$. Figure 5.5 shows the linear regression for the double-sided test specimens. The obtained fatigue strength class according to the effective notch stress method with a slope $m = 3$ is 233 MPa.

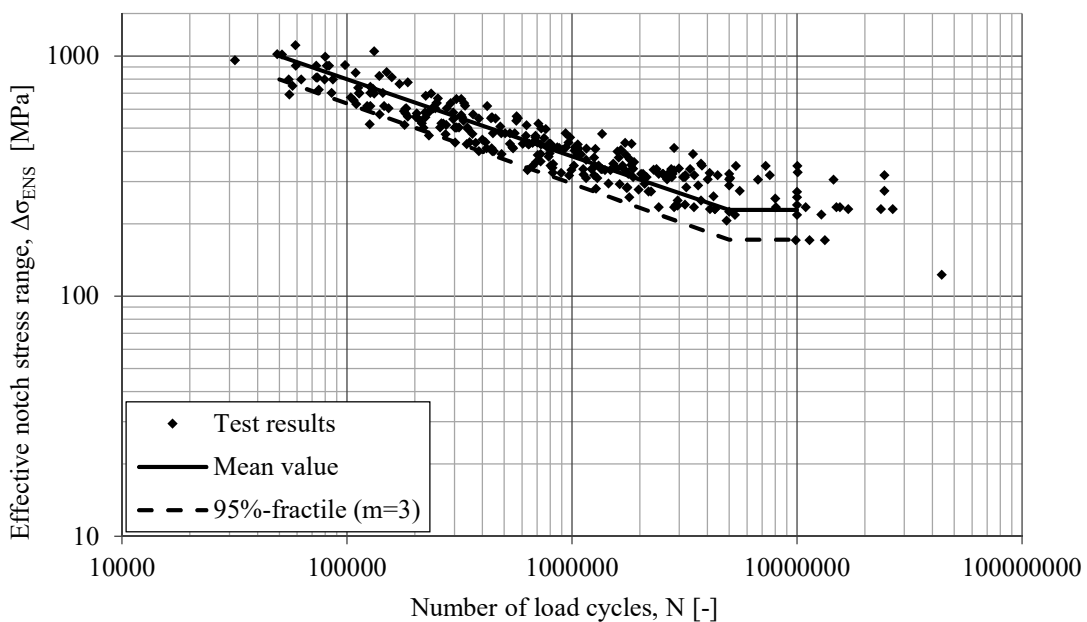


Figure 5.5 *Linear regression of the fatigue strength class for double-sided test series with effective notch stress in 2D.*

In the same manner are the one-sided specimens with corresponding linear regression plotted in Figure 5.6. The fatigue strength class for the one-sided test specimens is 186 MPa.

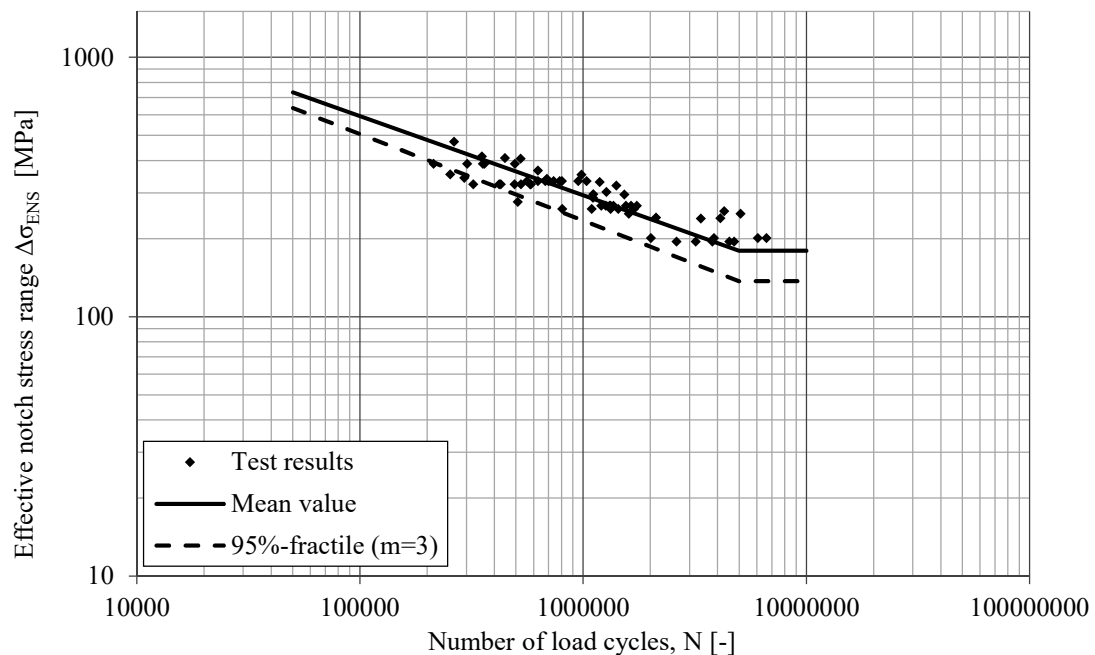


Figure 5.6 Linear regression of the fatigue strength class for one-sided test series with effective notch stress in 2D.

The fatigue strength class for the one- and double-sided stiffeners should be around the same magnitude since the effective notch stress considers stress raising effects from e.g. geometry. It is observed from Table 3.1 that the one-sided test specimens are in fact web stiffeners in a beam that is subjected to four-point-bending. Additional effects, such as shear lag, might influence the results. This yields that a 3D model could be needed in order to capture these effects.

5.1.3 Fatigue strength class for FE-analyses in 3D

As mentioned in Section 5.1.2, shear lag and other effects are not considered in the 2D model, which means that a 3D model may be required. The model is defined according to Section 4.3 where the dimensions, e.g. plate thicknesses, are the same as in the real experiments. The same procedure to calculate the fatigue strength class in Section 5.1.2 is used. Figure 5.7 displays the resulting plot when the nominal stress from the experimental data is multiplied with the stress concentration factor, K_t , from the FE-analyses.

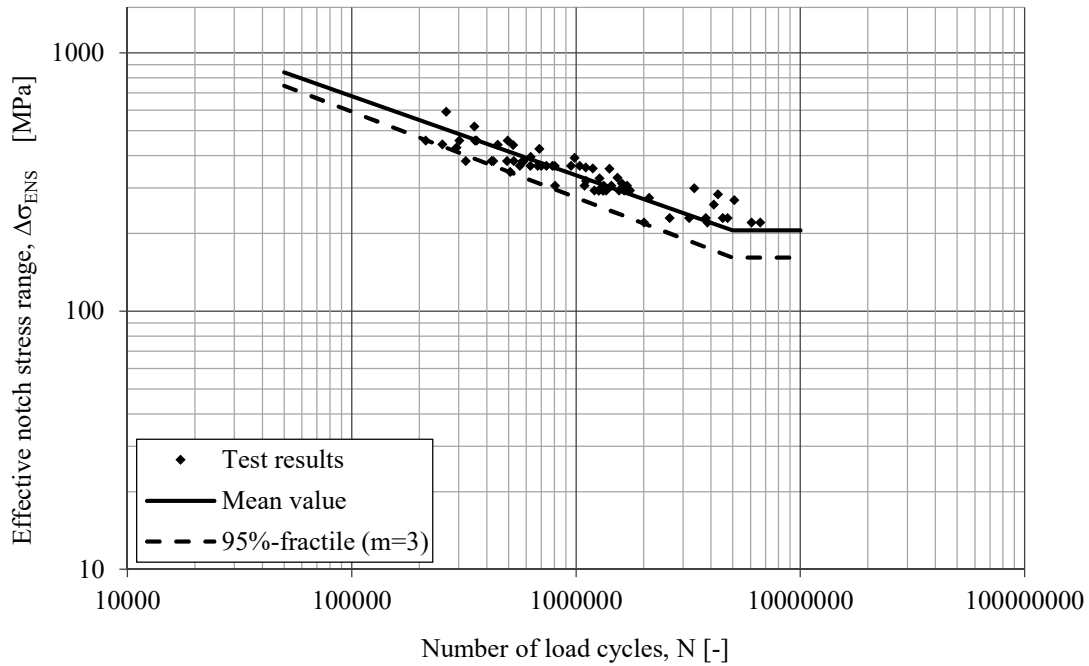


Figure 5.7 Linear regression of the fatigue strength class for one-sided test series with effective notch stress in 3D.

Linear regression results in a fatigue strength class of 219 MPa with a slope $m = 3$ which is an improvement compared to the previously obtained strength class of 186 MPa.

5.2 FE-analyses

This section presents the results from the FE-analyses in both 2D and 3D, which are explained in Chapter 4.

5.2.1 2D FE-analyses

Figure 5.8 and Figure 5.9 show the results for one- and double-sided transverse stiffeners. The fatigue strength from the FE-analyses is plotted with respect to the length, L , and is obtained by using equation (4.7). These figures are further analysed with regard to both the effect of symmetry as well as other influencing factors in Section 5.3. The curves for the different flange thicknesses in Figure 5.8 are explained by marking the lower and upper bound limits and are decreasing for higher fatigue strength as seen.

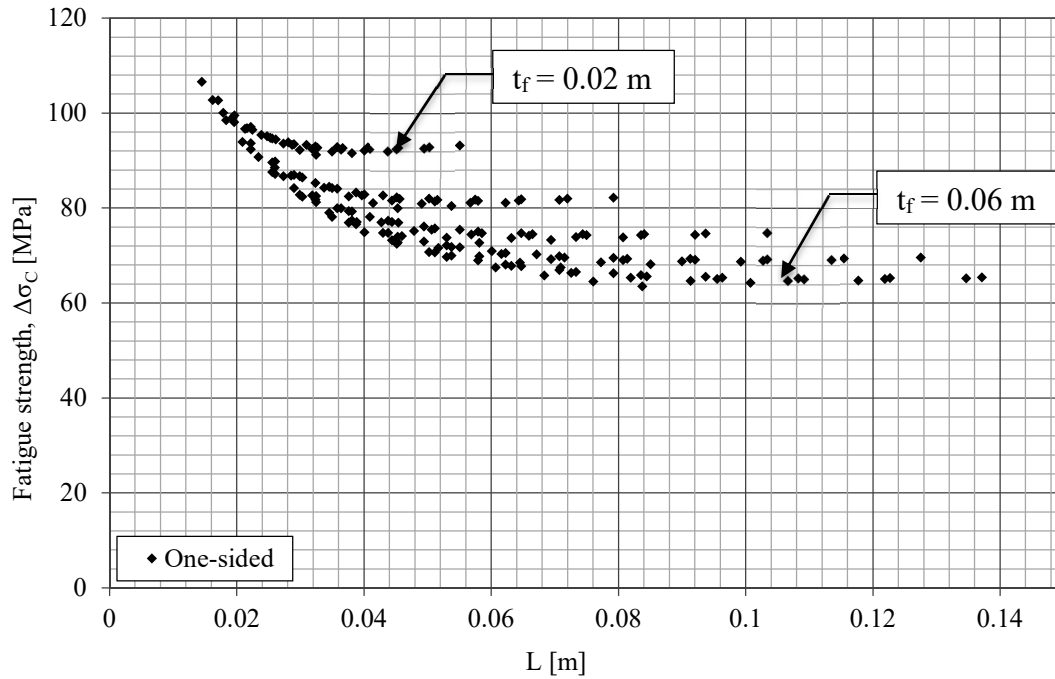


Figure 5.8 One-sided FE-results converted to fatigue strength class.

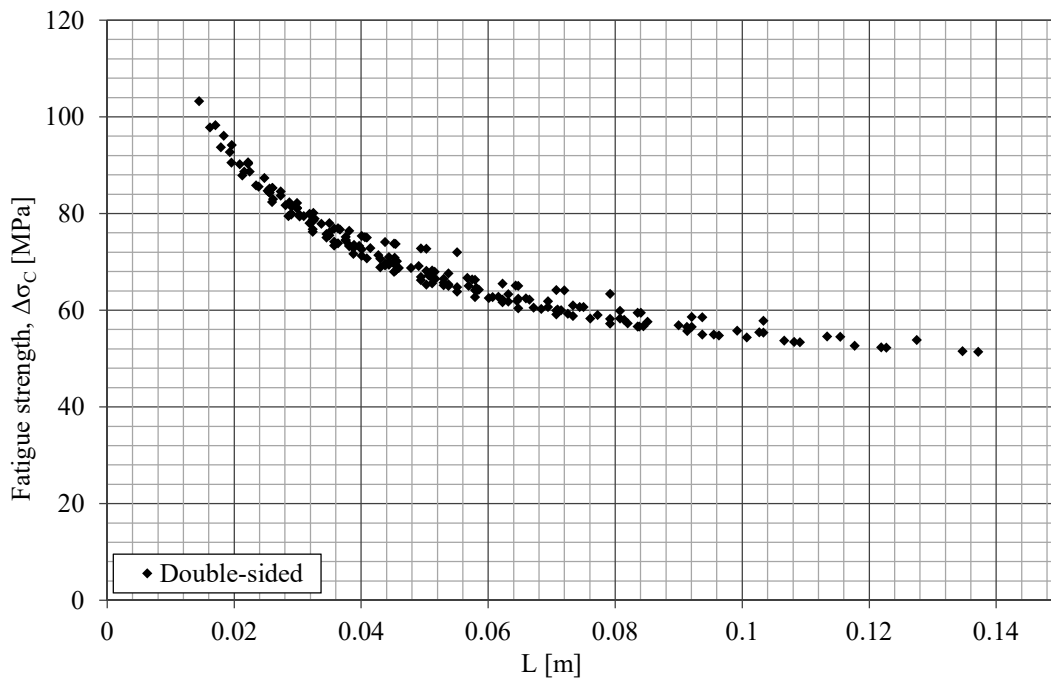


Figure 5.9 Double-sided FE-results converted to fatigue strength class.

5.2.2 3D FE-analyses

The results from the 3D FE-analysis explained in Section 4.3 is presented in Figure 5.10.

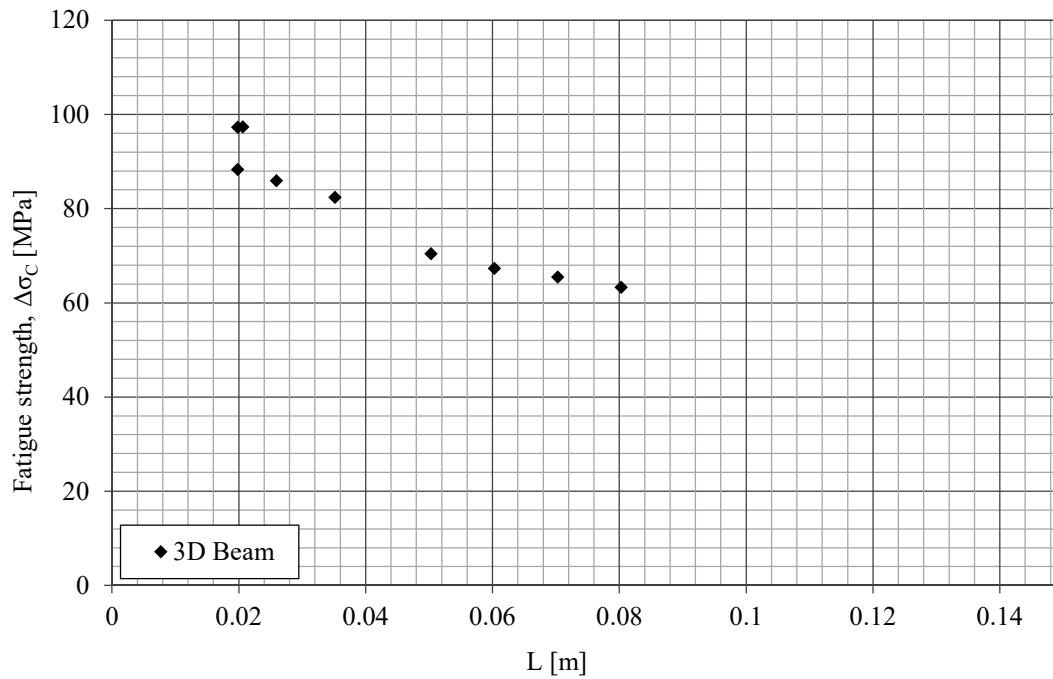


Figure 5.10 3D analyses for beam in 4-point bending.

5.2.3 Comparison between 2D and 3D analyses

The comparison of the FE-results from double-sided transverse stiffeners in 2D by using equation (5.14), that will be presented later in Section 5.3.5, and the 3D-results can be seen in Figure 5.11. The results are coinciding well, indicating that web stiffeners in beams can be modelled as double-sided stiffeners in 2D when using the effective notch stress as fatigue life assessment method. This yields also that equation (5.13) is valid for web stiffeners in beams.

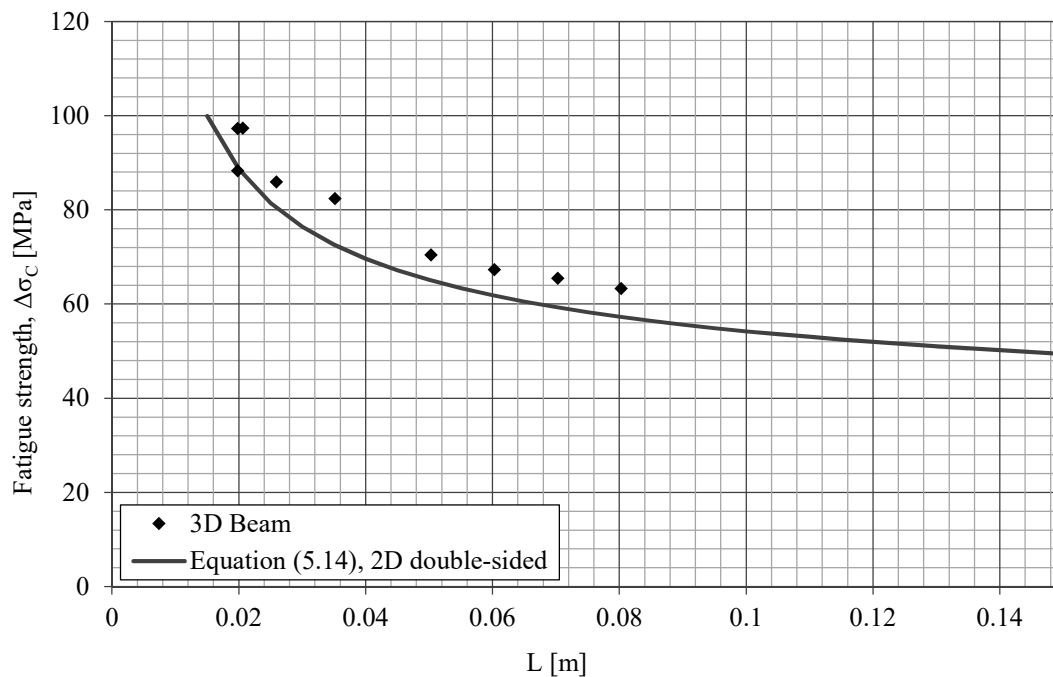


Figure 5.11 Comparison between equation (5.14) and 3D beam analyses.

The gathered experimental data of beams subjected to bending resulted in 5 different dimensional configurations of the 3D model. All of these had value of L below 40 mm. The remaining 4 points in Figure 5.11 are additional analyses performed to see whether the 3D beam is consistent in matching the 2D model even for higher values of L . It can be seen that the 4 points representing the 3D beam with L ranging from 50 mm to 80 mm follows the line representing equation (5.14) well. The reason that the points does not coincide exactly with the line is that the equation is based on the upper-bound values of the stress concentration factor and thus giving the lowest fatigue strength class from the 2D double-sided FE-analyses. However, the results from the 3D-analyses does match the 2D double-sided results well when they are compared directly.

5.3 Influencing factors

In this section, the different geometrical properties for the transverse stiffener are presented and their influence of the fatigue strength are discussed.

5.3.1 Influence of symmetry of stiffeners

The symmetry of the transverse stiffeners influences the results, as the scatter is reduced significantly when symmetry is included. It is observed that the fatigue strength is lower on double-sided stiffener for increasing L -values compared with one-sided stiffener. Another observation is that the flange thickness has higher influence of the fatigue strength class for one-sided stiffeners compared with double-sided and this explains the scatter of the results for the one-sided stiffeners.

5.3.2 Influence of flange thickness, t_f

The stress concentration factor is plotted with respect to the flange thickness, t_f , in order to see how the flange thickness affects the stress concentration factor, see Figure 5.12. First, the double-sided stiffeners are studied. The thickness of the transverse stiffeners and the weld throat are set to constant while the flange thickness is increased. The influence of the flange thickness is higher for lower thicknesses and the stress concentration factor is constant for thicknesses higher than approximately 20 mm. Two different L -values are studied in order to see if the influence of the flange thickness changes with different L -values. It can be seen in Figure 5.12 that the influence from the flange thickness for low thicknesses is decreasing with lower L -values.

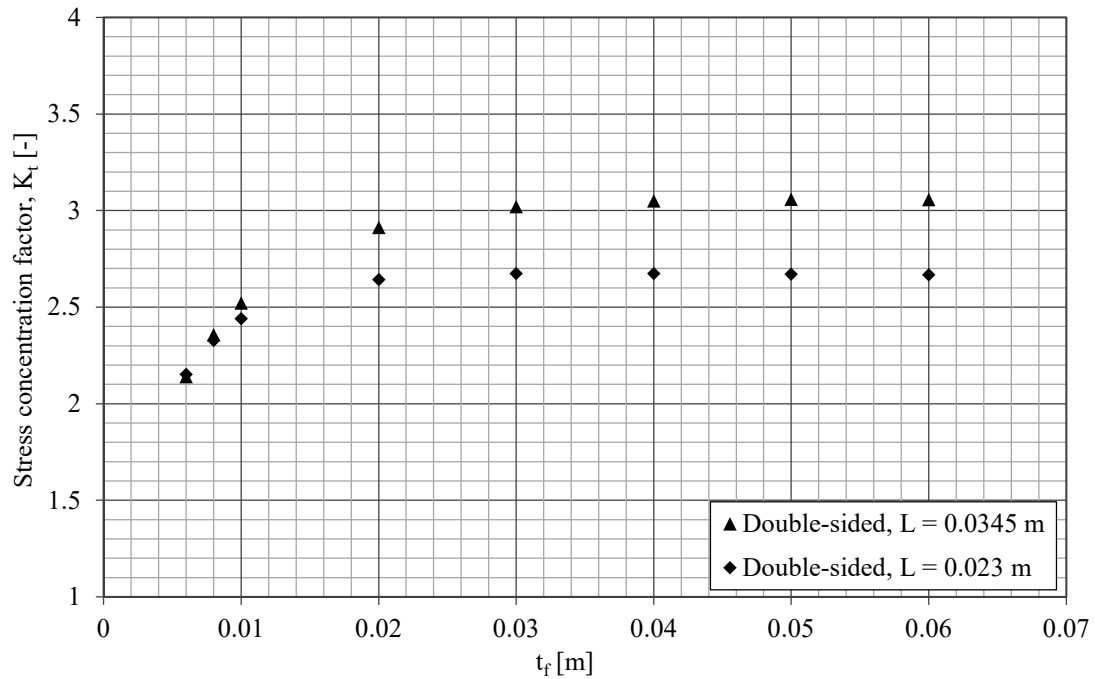


Figure 5.12 Stress concentration factor with respect to flange thickness, t_f for double-sided stiffener.

The same procedure as described above for one-sided stiffener is seen in Figure 5.13.

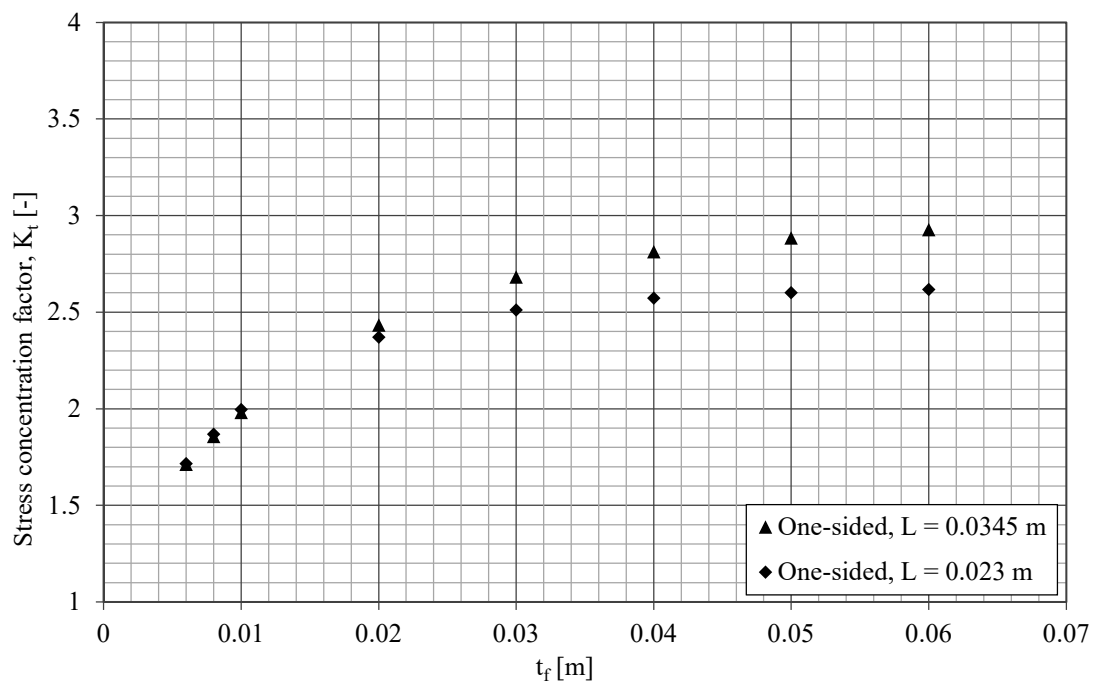


Figure 5.13 Stress concentration factor with respect to flange thickness, t_f , for one-sided stiffener.

The difference between these two cases is relatively small. However, the stress concentration factor converges at a later stage for the one-sided stiffener and not as abruptly compared to double-sided stiffeners. Furthermore, the three cases are

converging to the same values for smaller flange thicknesses indicating that the L -value is not changing the influence from the flange thickness in this span.

5.3.3 Influence of thickness of transverse stiffener, t_w

To see how the thickness of the stiffener affects the stress concentration factor, diagrams are created in the same manner as in Section 5.3.2 where K_t is plotted with respect to flange thickness, t_w , see Figure 5.14 and Figure 5.15 for the double-sided and one-sided case respectively. The flange thickness and the weld throat thickness are both constant.

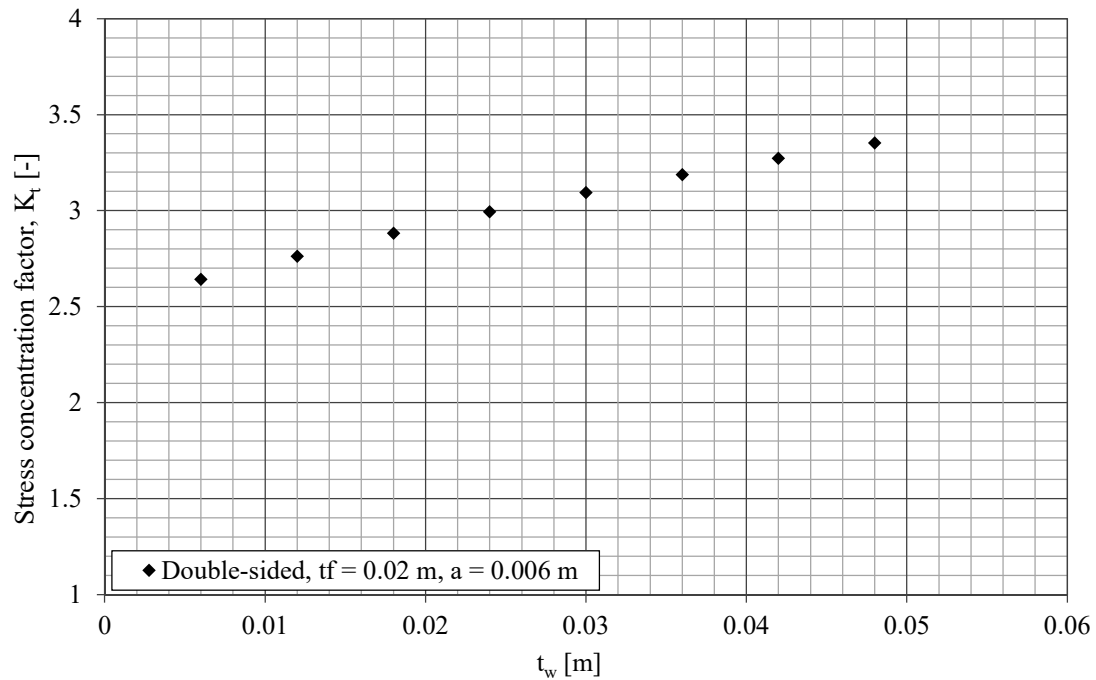


Figure 5.14 Stress concentration factor with respect to the thickness of the transverse stiffener, t_w , for double-sided stiffener.

It can be seen that the stress concentration factor increases almost with a linear relationship when the stiffener thickness increases.

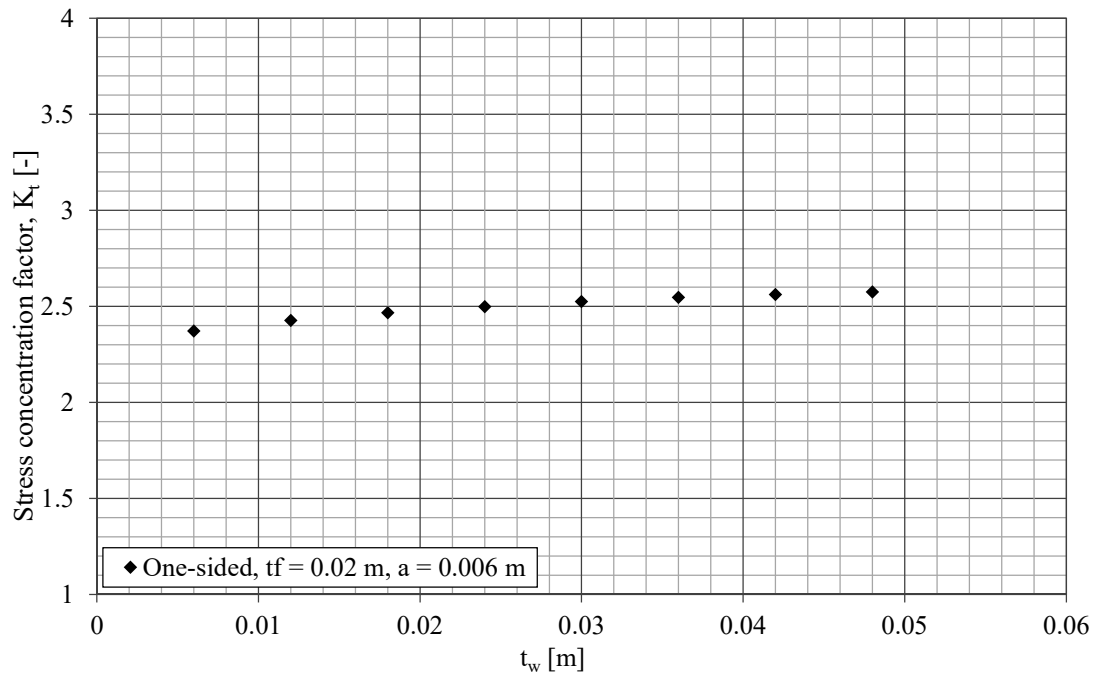


Figure 5.15 Stress concentration factor with respect to the thickness of the transverse stiffener, t_w , for one-sided stiffener.

In both situations, K_t increases with a linear relationship. However, the thickness of the stiffener seems to have a greater influence when stiffeners are welded to both sides due to the greater slope of the line.

5.3.4 Influence of weld throat thickness, a

The influence of the weld throat thickness, a , is also studied in a similar manner as earlier where flange thickness, t_f , and stiffener thickness, t_w , are held constant as the weld throat thickness, a , is increasing, see Figure 5.16 and Figure 5.17 for the double-sided and one-sided case respectively.

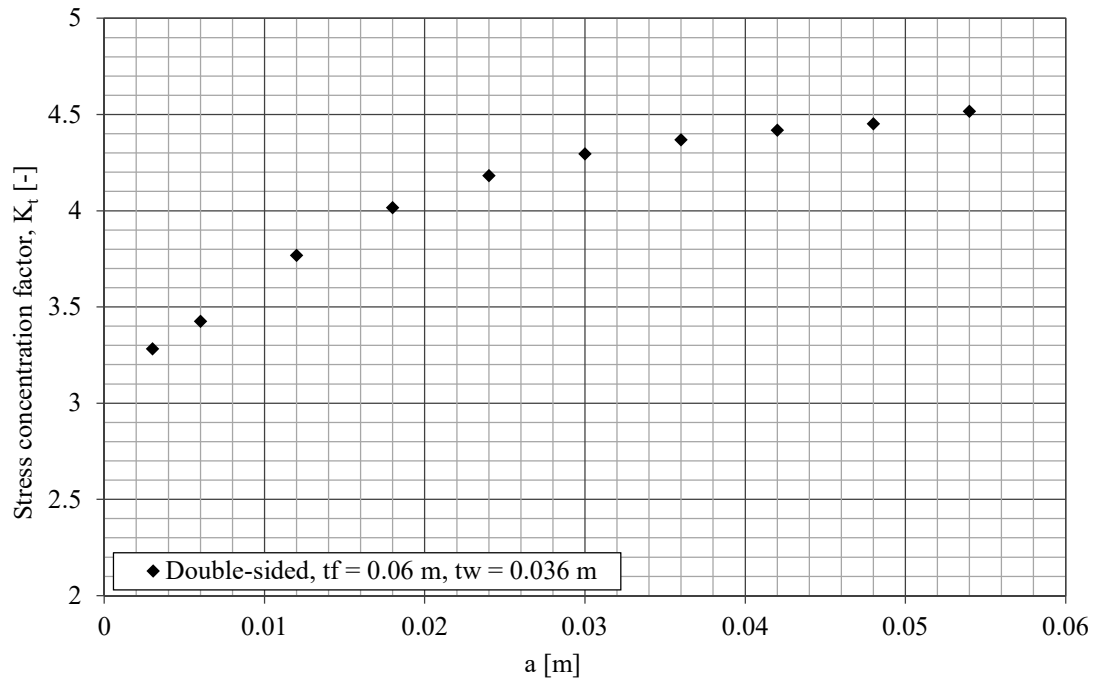


Figure 5.16 Stress concentration factor with respect to the weld throat thickness, a , for double-sided stiffener.

In the case of double-sided stiffeners, K_t increases more rapidly for smaller welds and show signs of converging for greater dimensions of the weld throat.

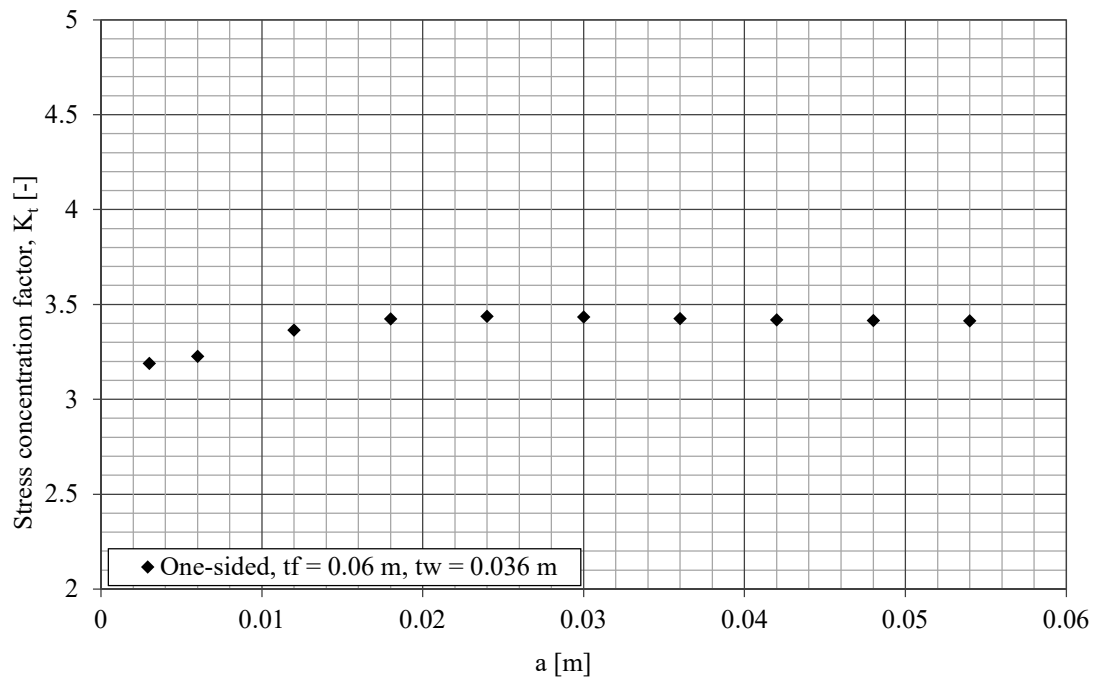


Figure 5.17 Stress concentration factor with respect to the weld throat thickness, a , for one-sided stiffener.

In contrast to the first situation, the weld throat thickness, a , appears to have a rather small influence on the stress concentration factor in the one-sided case since it converges at lesser dimensions. In addition, the initial increase of K_t before

convergence is small which further indicates that the weld throat thickness is less influencing in this case.

5.3.5 Equation for one- and double-sided transverse stiffener

The one-sided stiffener in 2D has a larger scatter compared to the double-sided stiffener as discussed in Section 5.3.1. This is due to a higher influence of the flange thickness. An upper-bound equation of the stress concentration factor for one-sided stiffener as a function of the flange thickness, t_f , and L , where both are in meter, is therefore obtained and can be seen in Figure 5.18 as well as in Appendix D.

$$K_t = C_1 L^2 + C_2 L + C_3 \quad (L < 1.35t_f + 0.008) \quad (5.1)$$

$$L = L_{max,o} \quad (L \geq 1.35t_f + 0.008) \quad (5.2)$$

Where:

$$C_1 = 483.870 \ln(t_f) + 43.562 \quad (5.3)$$

$$C_2 = -92.457t_f^2 + 37.882t_f + 48.476 \quad (5.4)$$

$$C_3 = 2.168t_f^2 - 1.117t_f + 1.668 \quad (5.5)$$

$$L_{max,o} = 1.35t_f + 0.008 \quad (5.6)$$

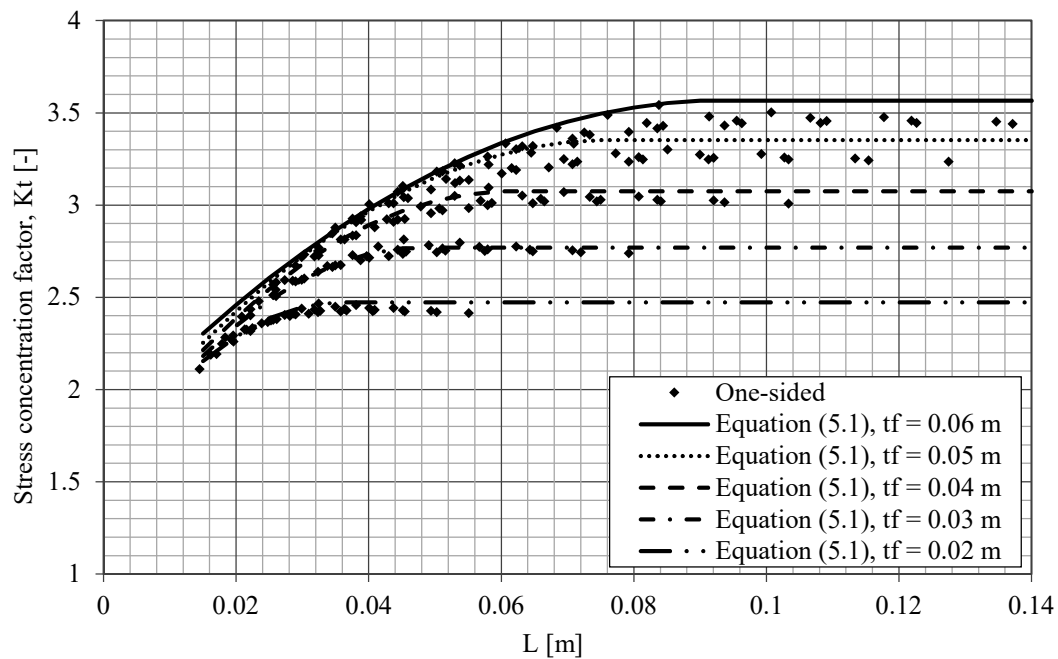


Figure 5.18 Equation for one-sided stiffener.

A similar equation for the double-sided transverse stiffener can be obtained and can be seen in Figure 5.19 and Appendix D.

$$K_t = C_4 L^2 + C_5 L + C_6 \quad (L < 2.15t_f + 0.011) \quad (5.7)$$

$$L = L_{max,d} \quad (L \geq 2.15t_f + 0.011) \quad (5.8)$$

Where:

$$C_4 = 7093t_f^3 - 11450t_f^2 + 6571t_f - 1471 \quad (5.9)$$

$$C_5 = -24.6 \ln(t_f) + 21.1 \quad (5.10)$$

$$C_6 = -13.33t_f^3 + 16.50t_f^2 - 5.12t_f + 2 \quad (5.11)$$

$$L_{max,d} = 2.15t_f + 0.011 \quad (5.12)$$

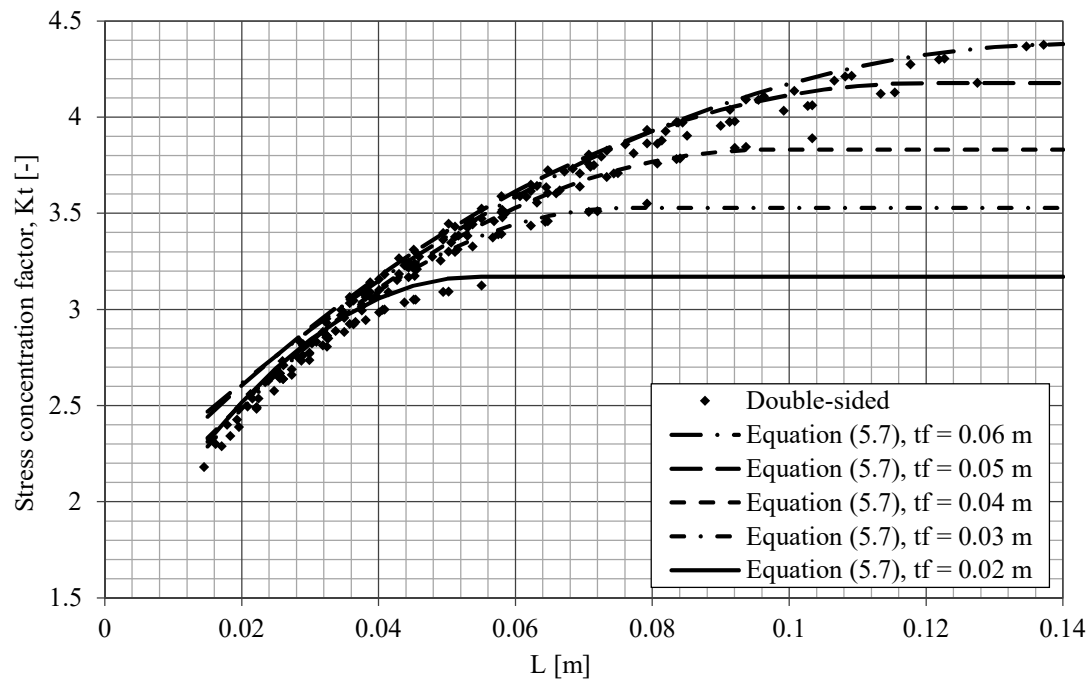


Figure 5.19 Equation for double-sided stiffener, which considers both flange thickness and L .

It can be seen in Section 5.3.2 to 5.3.4 that the parameter that influences the stress concentration factor for double-sided stiffener the most is the L -value. Therefore, an upper-bound equation of the stress concentration factor for double-sided stiffener as a function of L is obtained and can be seen in Figure 5.20 and Appendix D.

$$K_t = 6.45 + \ln(L) \quad (5.13)$$

By using equation (5.13) together with equation (4.7), a fatigue strength class according to the nominal stress method can be calculated as:

$$\Delta\sigma_{C,NS} = \frac{\Delta\sigma_{C,ENS}}{6.45 + \ln(L)} \quad (5.14)$$

Where:

$$\Delta\sigma_{C,ENS} = 225 \text{ MPa}$$

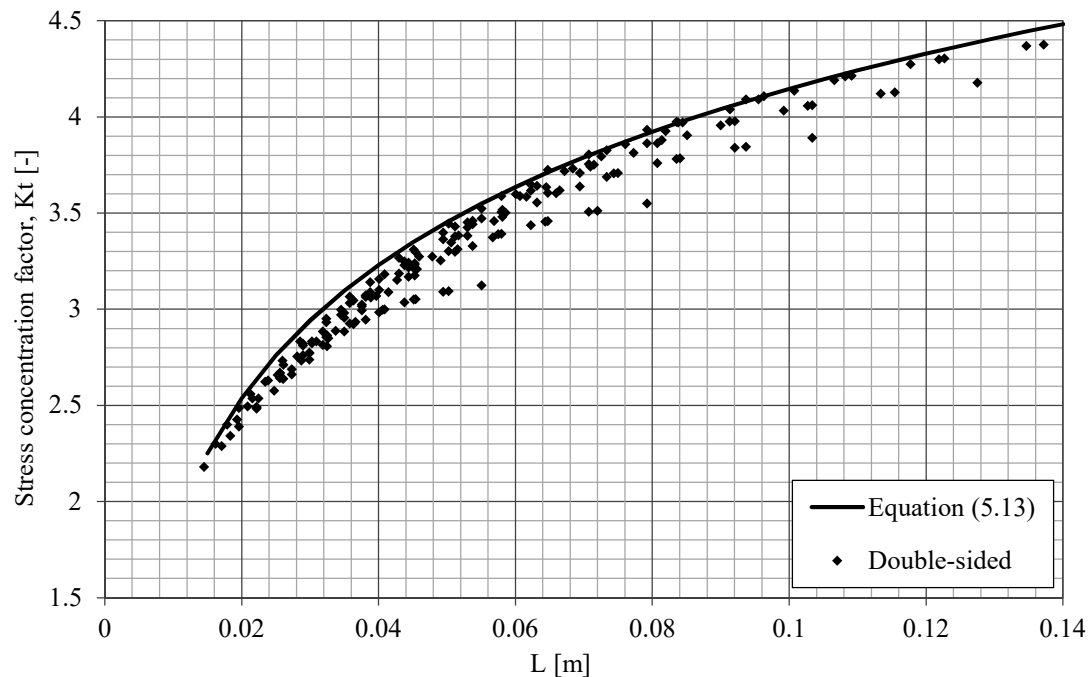


Figure 5.20 Equation for double-sided stiffener, which considers only L .

5.4 Comparison between FE-results and Eurocode

The current design recommendation from Eurocode 3, as described in Section 2.1.3, only gives two fatigue strength classes with respect to the length, L . The FE-results are plotted together with this recommendation in Figure 5.21 and Figure 5.22. The recommendation from Eurocode 3 is only valid for L -values smaller than 80 mm, which yields that FE-models with larger dimensions are hard to compare with the design recommendations. One can see that for smaller L -values, the fatigue strength is increased which indicates that the design recommendations from Eurocode 3 are conservative and can be improved.

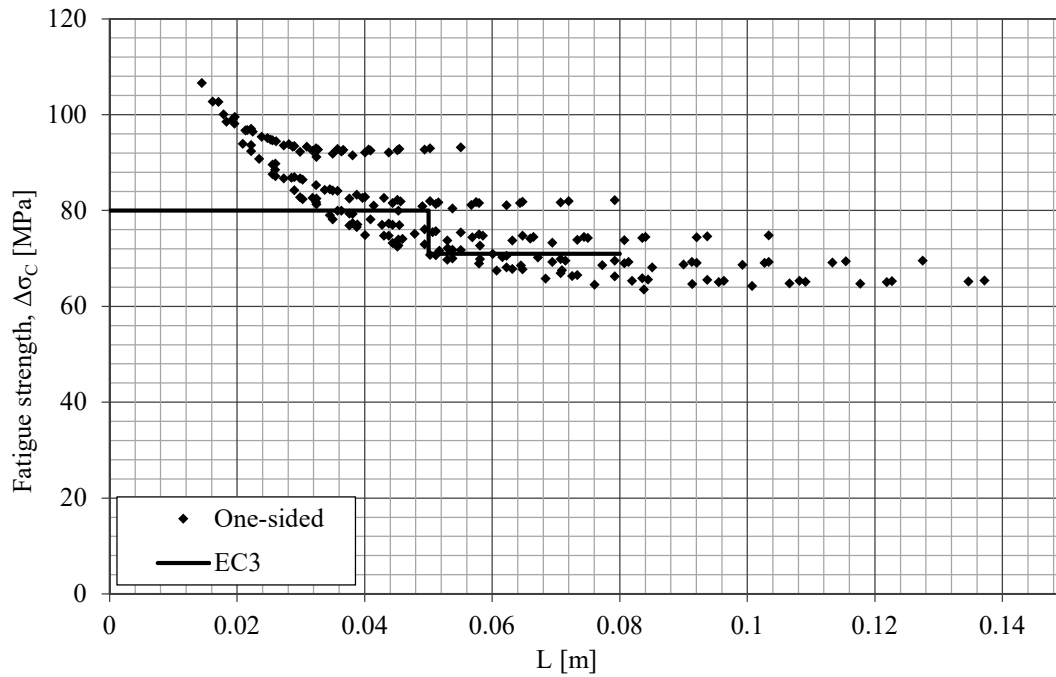


Figure 5.21 FE-results for one-sided compared to Eurocode 3 recommendations.

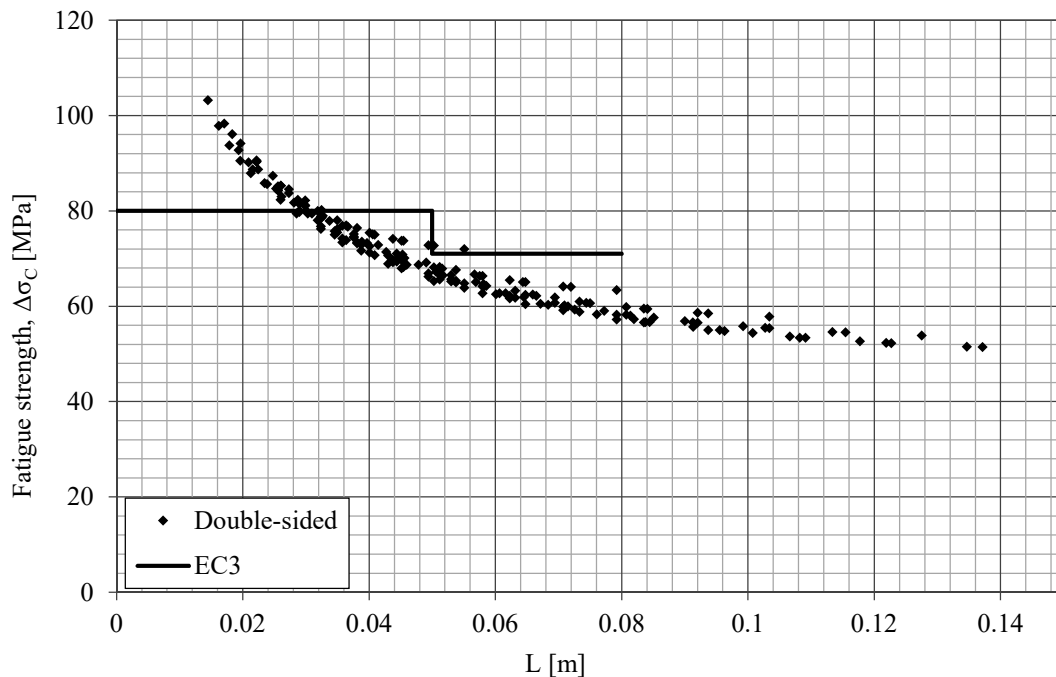


Figure 5.22 FE-results for double-sided compared to Eurocode 3 recommendations.

5.5 Comparison between experimental fatigue strength class and ENS

In order to verify the FE-analyses, the results must be compared with the experimental data. This is done by comparing the fatigue strength from the FE-analyses with the calculated fatigue strength classes from the experimental data described in Section 3.3. This comparison can be seen in Figure 5.23 and Figure 5.24. Only FE-models with a flange thickness of 20 mm are plotted in the one-sided comparison in Figure

5.23. This is because most experimental data are in this range and thus higher flange thicknesses are not of interest in the comparison. When comparing with 2D FE-analyses for one-sided stiffeners, one can see that the experimental data is far away from the FE-results. This can be explained by the asymmetry in the FE-models, which results in additional stresses in form of bending stresses. The rotation from these bending stresses can be seen in Figure 4.7. These bending stresses are dependent on the moment of inertia, which is highly dependent on the flange thickness. This explains the higher dependency of the flange thickness seen in Figure 5.8. Since the one-sided fatigue tests are in fact beam tests, the detail is prevented from rotating and not corresponding to the one-sided FE-model.

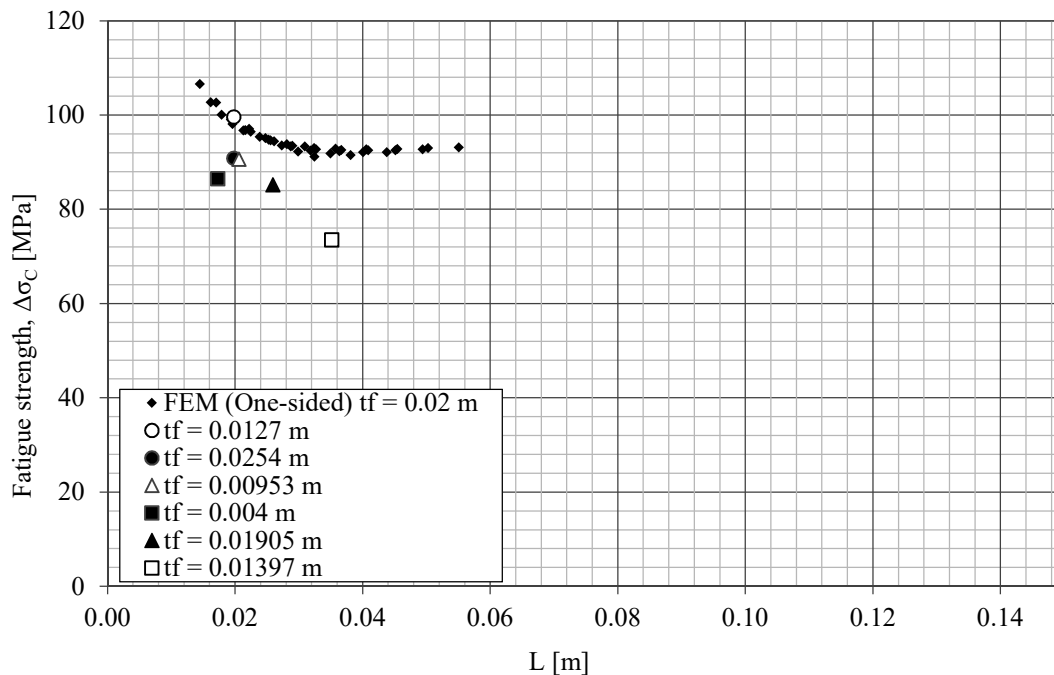


Figure 5.23 Comparison of the fatigue strength between FE in 2D and experimental data for one-sided stiffener.

In Figure 5.24, all calculated experimental fatigue strength classes are displayed for both double- and one-sided attachments. The reason that the one-sided experiments are plotted here as well is to see whether they coincide better with the double-sided 2D model.

It is mentioned in Section 5.3.5 that the parameter that has the greatest influence of the fatigue strength is the distance L . Therefore, test results where the specimens had similar values of L are organised together in groups regardless of the used flange thickness, t_f , and a fatigue strength class is calculated for each of these groups. This increases the number of data points for each group and thus lowers the statistical safety margin, giving a better prediction of the fatigue strength. See Appendix A for all groups, dimensions, number of data points as well as the calculated fatigue strength. In the same figure, a solid line is plotted which represents the calculated fatigue strength by using equation (5.14).

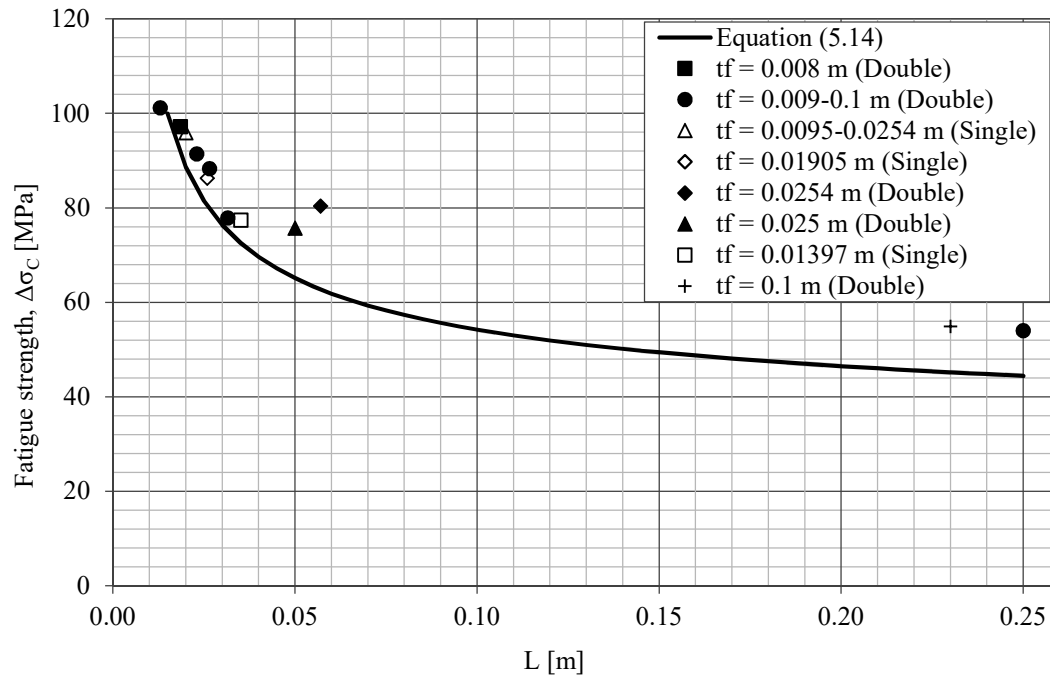


Figure 5.24 Comparison of the fatigue strength between FE in 2D and experimental data for double-sided stiffener.

It can be seen that the experimental data coincides well with equation (5.14) with the exception of a few points. This equation is a lower-bound equation based on the 2D FE-analyses meaning that it gives a fatigue strength on the safe side. However, the points representing fatigue strengths for specimens with a flange thickness t_f of 25 mm and 25.4 mm does coincide better when compared directly to the FE-results.

Also, the difference between equation (5.14) and the calculated fatigue strength of specimens with a distance L of 230 mm and 250 mm could be explained by the fact that the equation is based on FE-analyses where the greatest value of L is not greater than 150 mm.

6 Final remarks

The intention of this report was to investigate the influence of the different dimensions for transverse attachments used in e.g. bridges. The most common fatigue life assessment method at the moment used for this is by applying the nominal stress method with the proposed fatigue strength classes from Eurocode 3 for the studied detail. This report has shown results that do not fully comply with these recommendations. These observations are given in Section 5.4. The conclusions drawn from the results are given in Section 6.1.

6.1 Conclusions

- There is a tendency of a higher fatigue strength class for lower L -values and lower fatigue strength class for higher L -values that can be seen in Section 5.4. This means that Eurocode 3 tends to be more conservative for lower L -values and vice versa.
- Another observation made from Section 5.3.1 is that the flange thickness for one-sided transverse stiffeners has influence on the stress concentration factor but less influence for double-sided. The asymmetry in the one-sided specimens results in additional stresses in form of bending stresses. These bending stresses are highly dependent on the moment of inertia, where the flange thickness has a significant influence. In Section 5.3.2, it can be seen that the influence of the flange thickness decreases with increasing thickness. This can be explained by the fact that the transverse stiffener has less influence of the stress distribution of the cross section when the flange thickness increases. Furthermore, for decreasing L -values, the flange thickness has less influence on the stress concentration factor.
- The thickness of the transverse stiffener changes the stress concentration with an almost linear increasing relationship, which is shown in Section 5.3.3, and the stress concentration is increasing logarithmically with the weld throat thickness seen in Section 5.3.4. These two dimensions are influencing the L -value and thus influencing the length of the disturbed region of the flange. Increasing length of the disturbed region increases therefore the stress concentration at the notch.
- Transverse stiffeners in beams are behaving as a double-sided stiffener as seen in Section 5.2.3. One explanation to this is that no additional bending stresses due to the asymmetry of the detail occur since the detail is restrained from moving. This yields that a 2D symmetric model can be used when assessing these details instead of a 3D model.
- Shear lag does not seem to have a significant influence when comparing the 2D with the 3D results in Section 5.2.3.
- The experimental data is corresponding well with the 2D double-sided FE-analyses presented in Section 5.4. This yields that the proposed equation (5.14) in Section 5.3.5 seems to be valid for double-sided transverse stiffeners. Since no actual one-sided experimental test specimens were found, equation (5.1) and (5.2) could not be validated.

- Since it is concluded that the double-sided stiffener represents web stiffeners in beams as well as for small L -values, the flange thickness has less influence of the stress concentration factor, equation (5.14) is proposed as a suitable equation to increase the fatigue strength for transverse attachments for L -values below 30 mm compared to the recommendations from Eurocode 3. For higher L -values will the equation yield a lower fatigue strength than Eurocode 3.
- There are no indications that equation (5.14) should not be valid outside the investigated dimensional spans presented in Section 4.2.1 based on the conclusion that the flange thickness has little influence for smaller L -values together with comparisons with experimental data outside the investigated span.
- It is observed in Section 5.4 that the FE-results from both one- and double-sided transverse stiffeners have a lower fatigue strength class for high L -values compared to the recommendations from Eurocode 3. A part of the explanation is that the Eurocode 3 recommendations are only valid to 80 mm. However, this needs to be more investigated in order to fully understand this observation.
- The effective notch stress method is a very time consuming method for assessing the fatigue life of a detail. The hot-spot stress method would probably be more time efficient but it does not take e.g. weld root cracking into consideration. Therefore, it should be of interest for structural engineers if more exact equations for the fatigue life of steel details could be developed, in a similar manner as this investigation, instead of performing these time-consuming fatigue life assessment methods.

6.2 Further studies

- The angle of the welds has in not been studied in this report. Therefore, its influence of the fatigue strength has not been investigated. It may be interesting to investigate this effect.
- Since no detailed information of the cope holes in the experimental tests were given in the literature, their shape and dimensions have been decided by reasonable assumptions. It could be interesting to investigate how the dimension and shape of the cope hole influences the fatigue strength.
- The FE-results showed that for higher L -values, the fatigue strength class is lower than the recommendations from Eurocode 3 and the reason for this observation could be interesting to investigate.

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Database #	# in series	Axial/Bending	Failure site	1st Author	Specimen type	Width of specimen [m]	Distance to flange edge [m]	Single or double attachment
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2	30 B+SB	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.127	0.010	Single
3	31 B+SB	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.127	0.010	Single
4	43 B+SB	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.127	0.010	Single
5	41 B+SB	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.127	0.010	Single
6	56 B+SB	B		J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.127	0.010	Single
7	55 B+SB	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.127	0.010	Single
8	44 B+SCX	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.127	0.010	Single
9	BT 1	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.178	0.008	Single
10	BT 2	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.178	0.008	Single
11	BT 3	B	Toe (Rough weld)	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.178	0.008	Single
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25	SCB 213	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
26	SCB 311	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
27	SCB 312	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
28	SCB 221	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
29	SCB 222	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
30	SCB 223	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
31	SCB 321	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
32	SCB 322	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
33	SCB 131	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
34	SCB 132	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
35	SCB 231	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
36	SCB 232	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
37	SCB 233	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
38	SCB 331	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
39	SCB 332	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
40	SCB 141	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
41	SCB 142	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
42	SCB 241	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
43	SCB 242	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
44	SCB 243	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.172	0.012	Single
45	SGB 211	B	No visible crack	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
46	SGC 212	B	No visible crack	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
47	SGB 311	B	No visible crack	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
48	SGB 312	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
49	SGB 211	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
50	SGC 222	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
51	SGB 321	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
52	SGB 322	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
53	SGB 323	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
54	SGB 231	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
55	SGC 232	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
56	SGB 331	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
57	SGB 332	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
58	SGC 333	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
59	SBB 221	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
60	SBB 222	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
61	SBB 321	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
62	SBB 322	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
63	SBB 231	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
64	SBB 232	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
65	SBB 331	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
66	SBB 332	B	Toe	J. W. Fisher	Beam	0.197	0.006	Single
67	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
68	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
69	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double

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70	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
71	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
72	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
73	7	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
74	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
75	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
76	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
77	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
78	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
79	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
80	7	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
81	8	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
82	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
83	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
84	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
85	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
86	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
87	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
88	7	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
89	8	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
90	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
91	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
92	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
93	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
94	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
95	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
96	7	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
97	8	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
98	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
99	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
100	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
101	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
102	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
103	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
104	7	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
105	8	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
106	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
107	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
108	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
109	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
110	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
111	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
112	7	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
113	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
114	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
115	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
116	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
117	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
118	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
119	7	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
120	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
121	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
122	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
123	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
124	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
125	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
126	7	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.076	0.013	Double
127	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
128	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
129	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
130	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
131	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
132	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
133	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
134	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
135	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
136	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
137	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
138	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
139	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
140	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
141	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
142	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
143	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
144	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
145	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
146	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
147	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
148	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
149	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double

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150	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
151	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
152	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
153	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
154	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
155	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
156	7	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
157	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
158	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
159	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
160	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
161	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
162	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
163	7	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
164	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
165	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
166	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
167	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
168	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
169	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
170	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
171	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
172	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
173	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
174	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
175	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
176	7	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.150	0.015	Double
177	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.100	0.015	Double
178	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.100	0.015	Double
179	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.100	0.015	Double
180	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.100	0.015	Double
181	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.100	0.015	Double
182	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.100	0.015	Double
183	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.100	0.015	Double
184	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.100	0.015	Double
185	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.100	0.015	Double
186	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.100	0.015	Double
187	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.100	0.015	Double
188	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.100	0.015	Double
189	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
190	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
191	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
192	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
193	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
194	6	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
195	1	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
196	2	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
197	3	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
198	4	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
199	5	A	Toe	T. Gurney	Detail	0.046	0	Double
200	AX1	A	Runout	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
201	A101	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
202	A102	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
203	A103	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
204	A201	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
205	A202	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
206	A203	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
207	A301	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
208	A302	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
209	A303	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
210	AX2	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
211	AX3	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
212	AX4	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
213	D311	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
214	D312	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
215	D313	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
216	D314	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
217	D411	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
218	D412	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
219	D413	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
220	D511	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
221	D512	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
222	D513	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
223	C101	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
224	C102	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
225	C103	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
226	C111	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
227	C112	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
228	C113	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
229	C201	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double

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230	C202	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
231	C203	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
232	C211	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
233	C212	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
234	C213	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
235	C301	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
236	C302	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
237	C303	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
238	C311	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
239	C312	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
240	C313	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
241	E111	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
242	E112	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
243	E113	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
244	E114	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
245	EX3	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
246	EX4	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
247	EX5	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
248	EX2	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
249	E211	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
250	E212	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
251	E213	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
252	E214	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
253	EX6	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
254	EX7	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
255	EX8	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
256	E311	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
257	E312	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
258	E313	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
259	E314	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
260	EX1	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
261	EX9	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
262	E411	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
263	E412	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
264	E413	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
265	E414	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
266	D121	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
267	D122	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
268	D221	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
269	D222	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
270	D223	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
271	D321	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
272	D322	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
273	D323	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
274	D421	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
275	D422	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
276	D423	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
277	D521	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
278	D522	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
279	D523	A	Toe	P. Albrecht	Detail	0.026	0	Double
280		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
281		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
282		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
283		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
284		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
285		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
286		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
287		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
288		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
289		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
290		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
291		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
292		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
293		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
294		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
295		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
296		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
297		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
298		A		R. Puthli	Detail	0.050	0	Double
299		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
300		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
301		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
302		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
303		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
304		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
305		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
306		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
307		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
308		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
309		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double

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310		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
311		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
312		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
313		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
314		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
315		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
316		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
317		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
318		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
319		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
320		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
321		A		U. Kuhlmann	Detail	0.040	0	Double
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References							
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1	1974	J. W. Fisher	P. A. Albrecht	B. T. Yen	D. J. Klingerman	B. M. McNamee	
2	1991	T. Gurney					
3	1979	P. Albrecht	Ian M. Friedland				
4	2006	R. Puthli	S. Herion	J. Bergers			
5	2005	U. Kuhlmann	J. Bergmann	A. Dürr	R. Thumser	H.P Günther	U. Gerth
6	1989	K. Klippstein	C. Schilling				
7	1995	T. Gurney					
8	1985	S. Berge					
9	2005	Z. Xiao	K. Yamada				

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1	Fatigue strength of steel beams with welded stiffeners and attachments	Beams
2	The fatigue strength of transverse fillet welded joints	Details
3	Fatigue - Limit effect on variable-amplitude fatigue of stiffeners	Details
4	Untersuchungen zum Ermüdungsverhalten von hochfesten Stählen im Rahmen von LIFTHIGH	Details
5	Erhöhung der Ermüdungsfestigkeit von geschweissten höherfesten Baustählen durch Anwendung von Nachbehandlungsverfahren	Details
6	Pilot study on the constant and variable behaviour of transverse stiffener welds	Details
7	Thickness effect in relatively thin joints	Details
8	On the effect of plate thickness in fatigue of welds	Details
9	Fatigue strength of intersecting attachments	Details

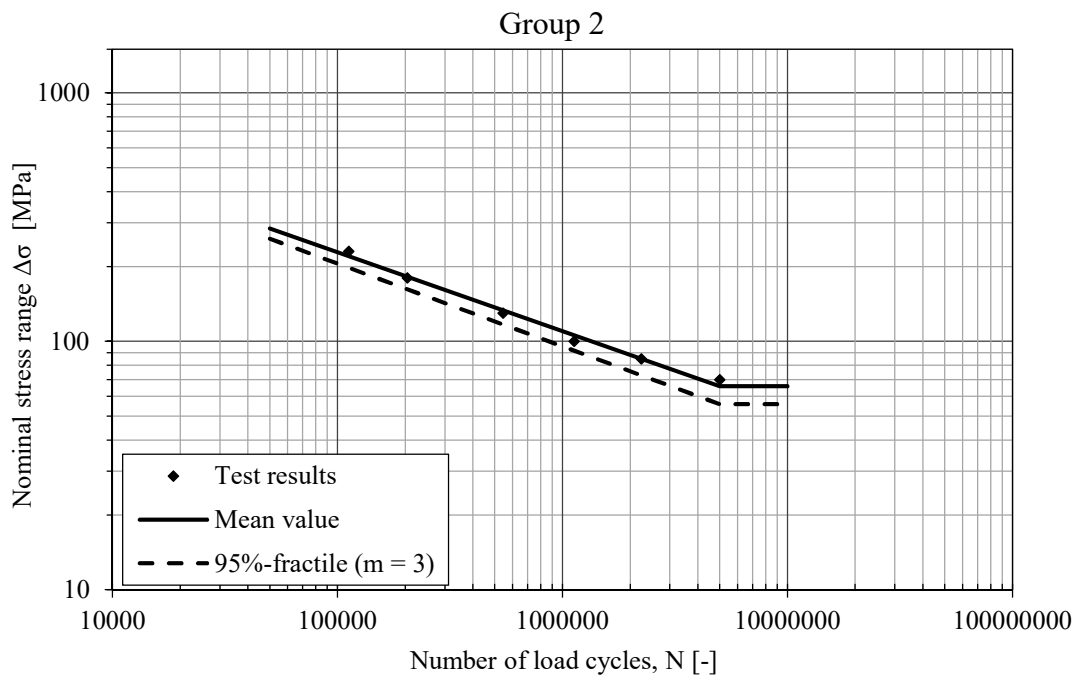
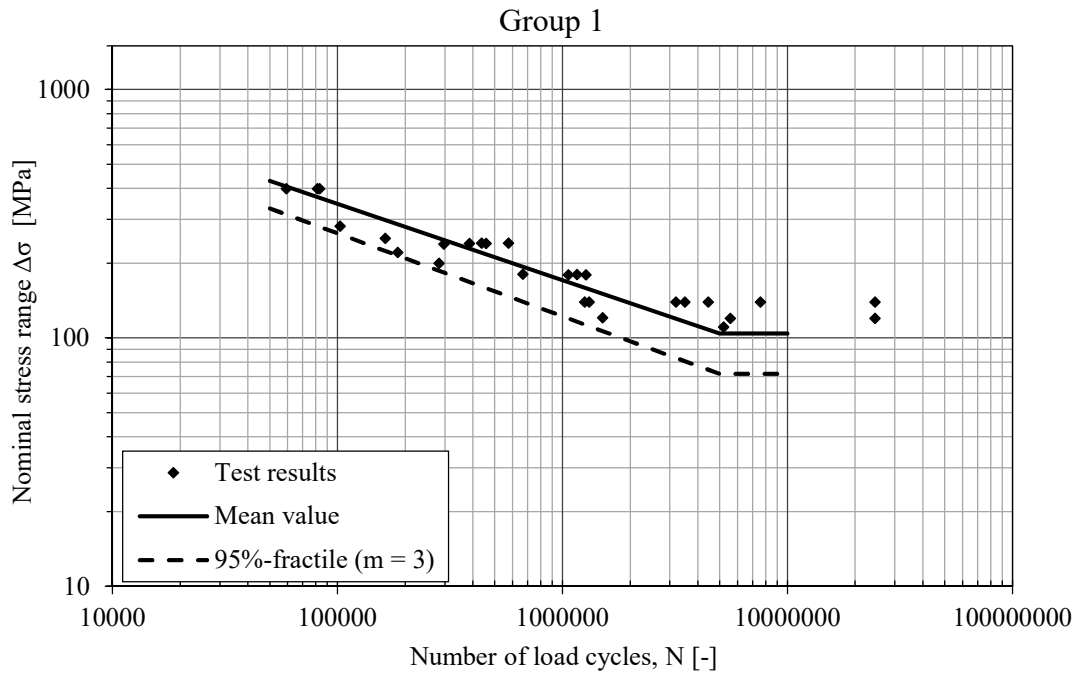
A2 Experimental fatigue strength classes

Double-sided stiffener					
Calculated values of $\Delta\sigma_C$ for various dimensional configurations					
Group #	t_f [m]	L [m]	$\Delta\sigma_C$ [MPa]	Std. dev.	# of data points
1	$t_f = 0.008$ m (Double)	0.019	97.2	0.225	27
2	$t_f = 0.025$ m (Double)	0.050	75.7	0.074	6
3	$t_f = 0.0254$ m (Double)	0.057	80.4	0.077	13
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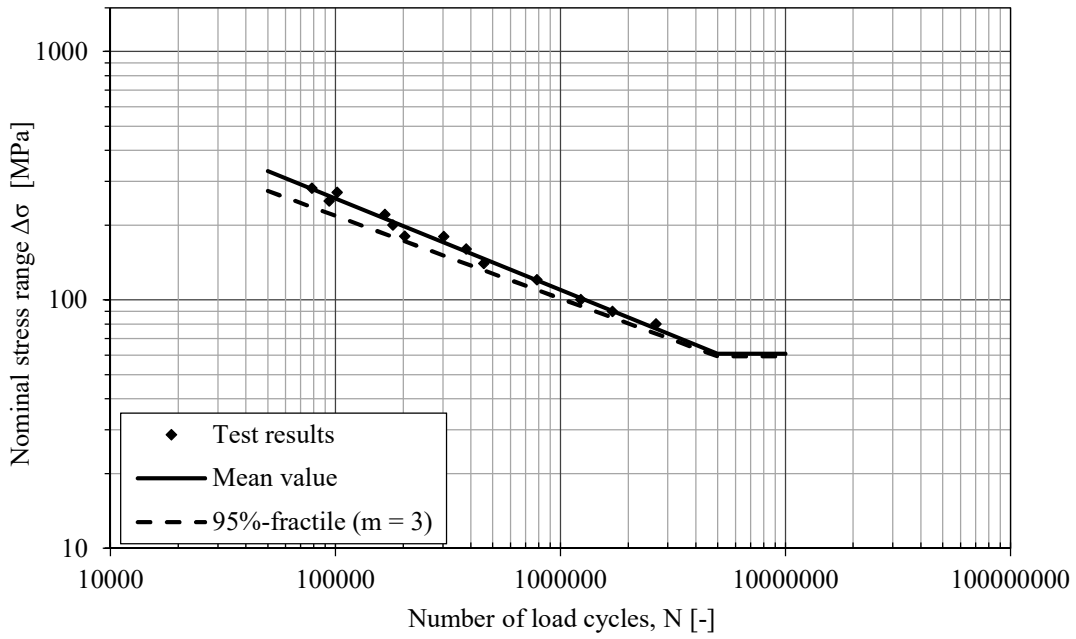
Double-sided stiffener, combined					
Calculated values of $\Delta\sigma_C$ for various dimensional configurations					
Group #	t_f [m]	L [m]	$\Delta\sigma_C$ [MPa]	Std. dev.	# of data points
5	$t_f = 0.013-0.1$ m (Double)	0.013	101.2	0.155	40
6	$t_f = 0.01-0.012$ m (Double)	0.023	91.4	0.210	104
7	$t_f = 0.009-0.0305$ m (Double)	0.027	88.3	0.209	72
8	$t_f = 0.0127-0.1$ m (Double)	0.032	77.9	0.184	35
9	$t_f = 0.025-0.1$ m (Double)	0.250	54	0.231	32

One-sided stiffener					
Calculated values of $\Delta\sigma_C$ for various dimensional configurations					
Group #	t_f [m]	L [m]	$\Delta\sigma_C$ [MPa]	Std. dev.	# of data points
10	$t_f = 0.01397$ m (Single)	0.0352	77.4	0.187	8
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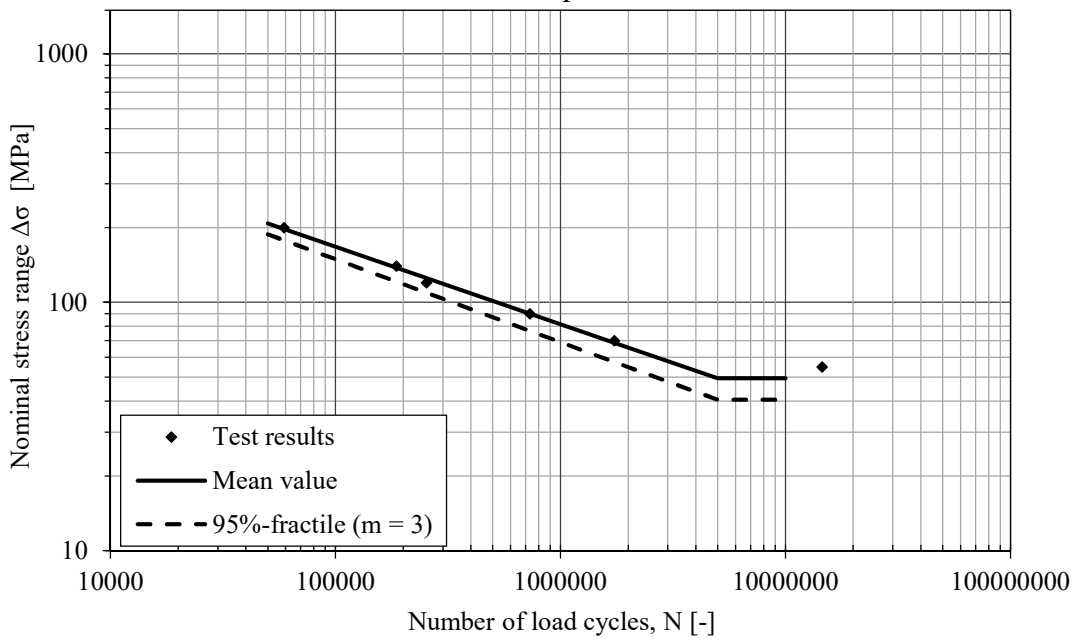
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12	$t_f = 0.0095-0.0254$ m (Single)	0.020	95.9	0.113	52



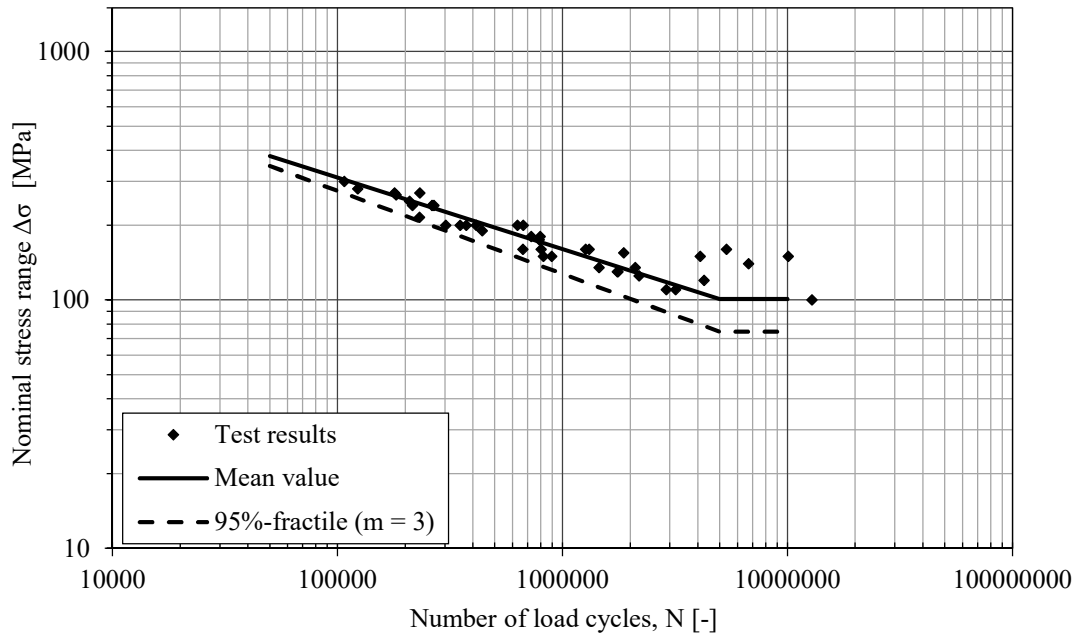
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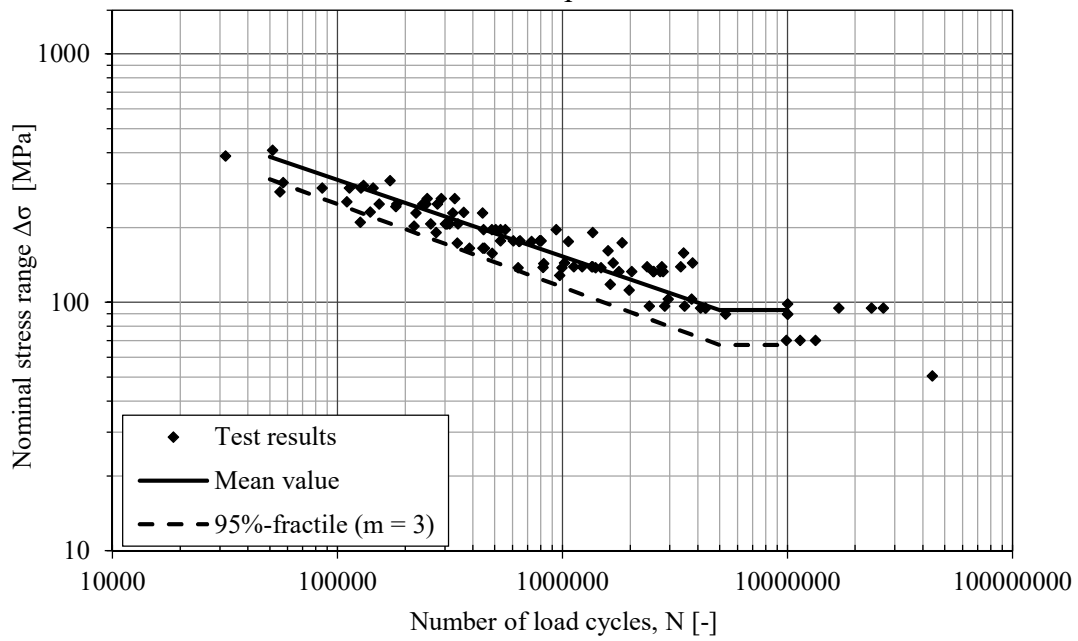
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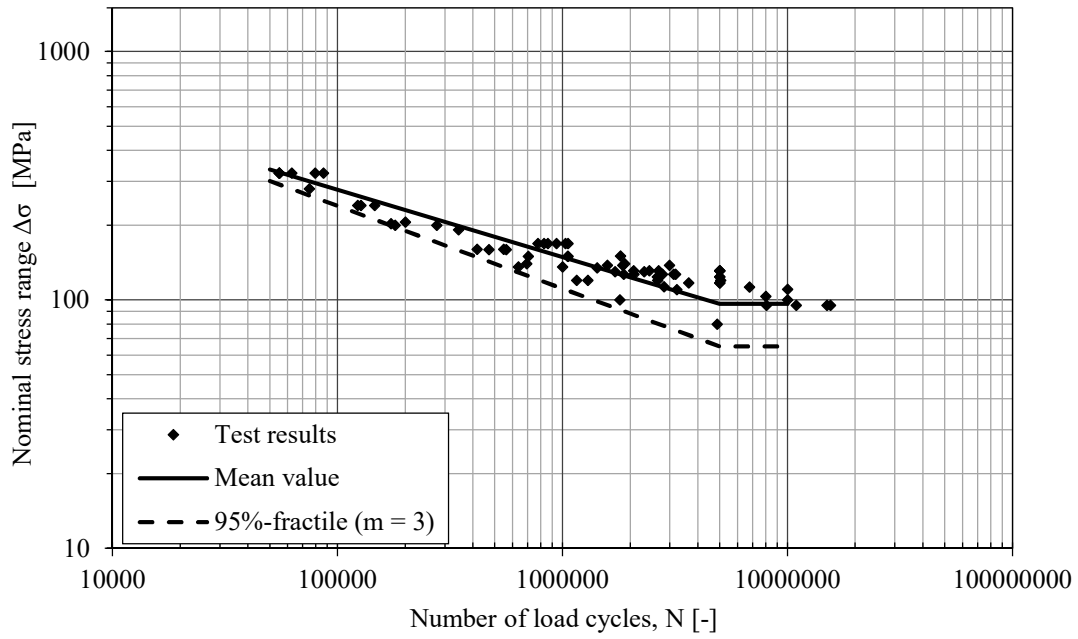
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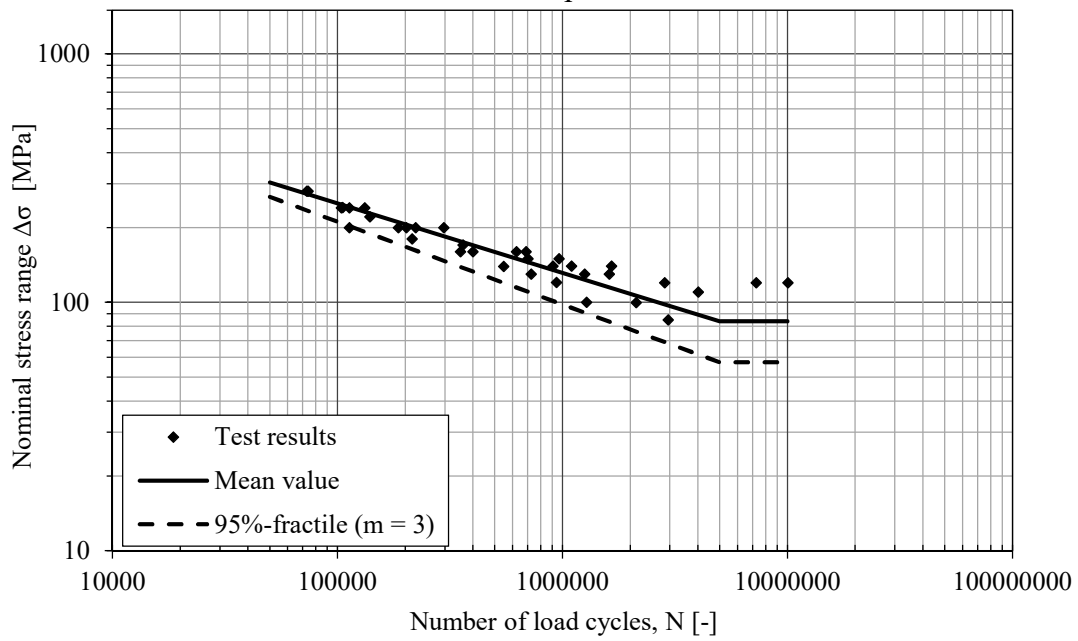
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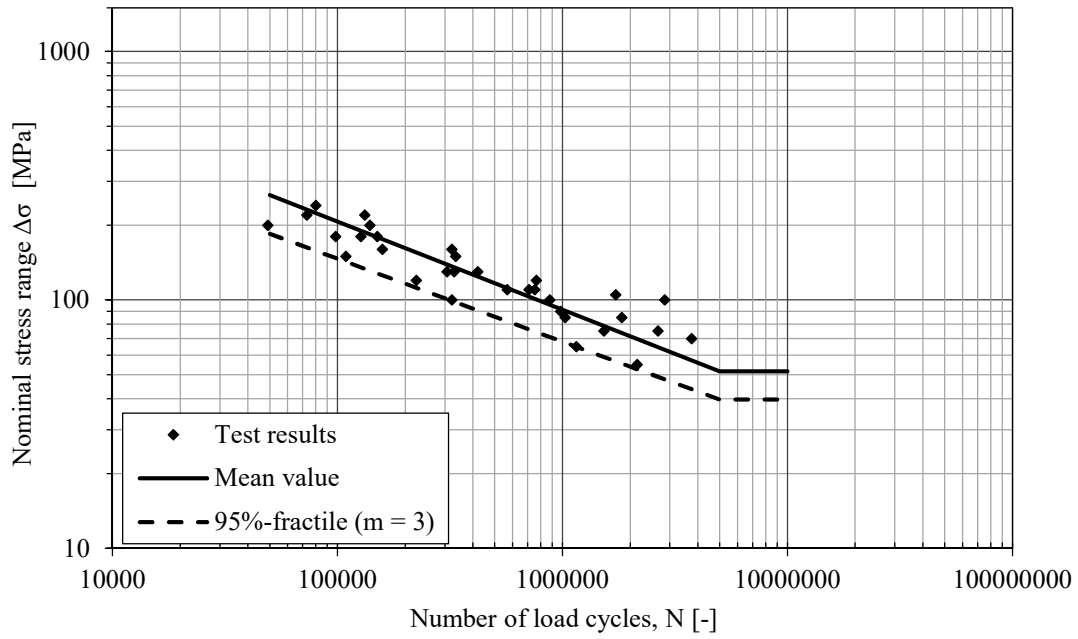
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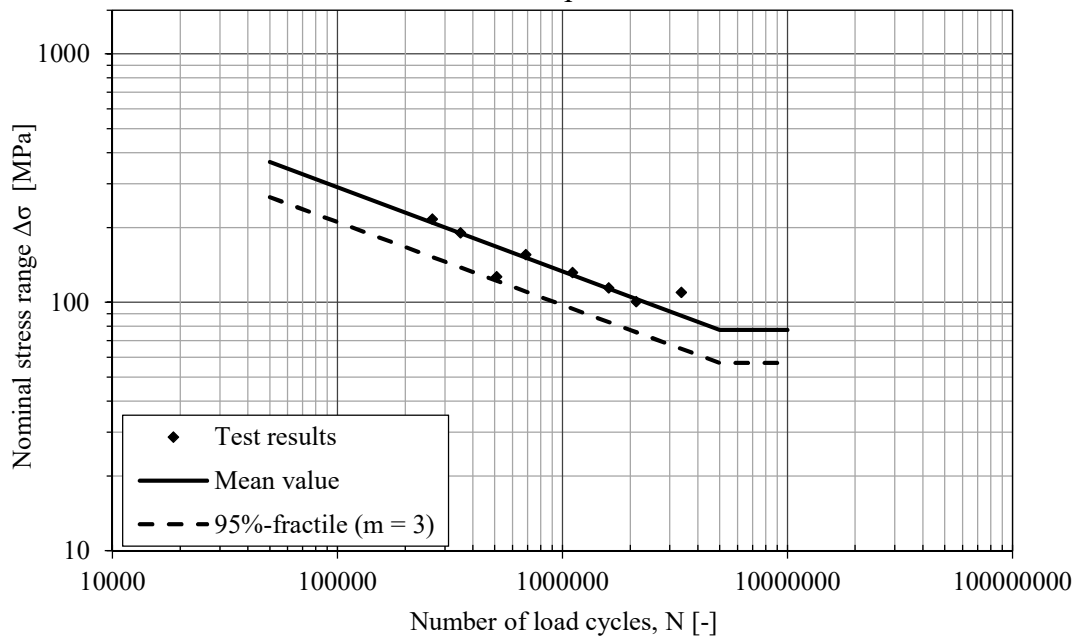
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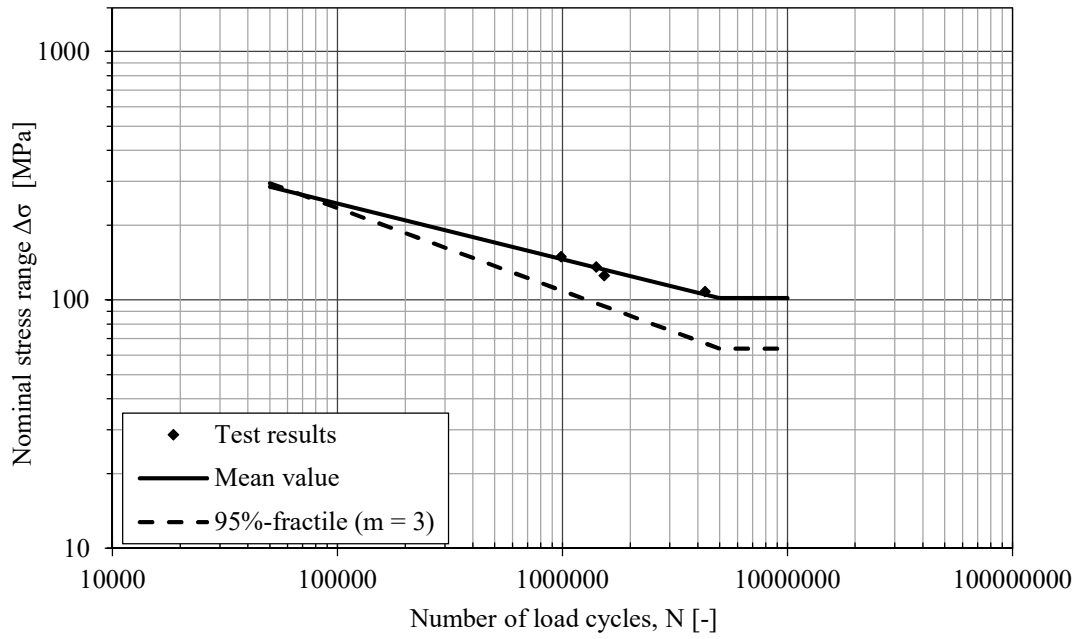
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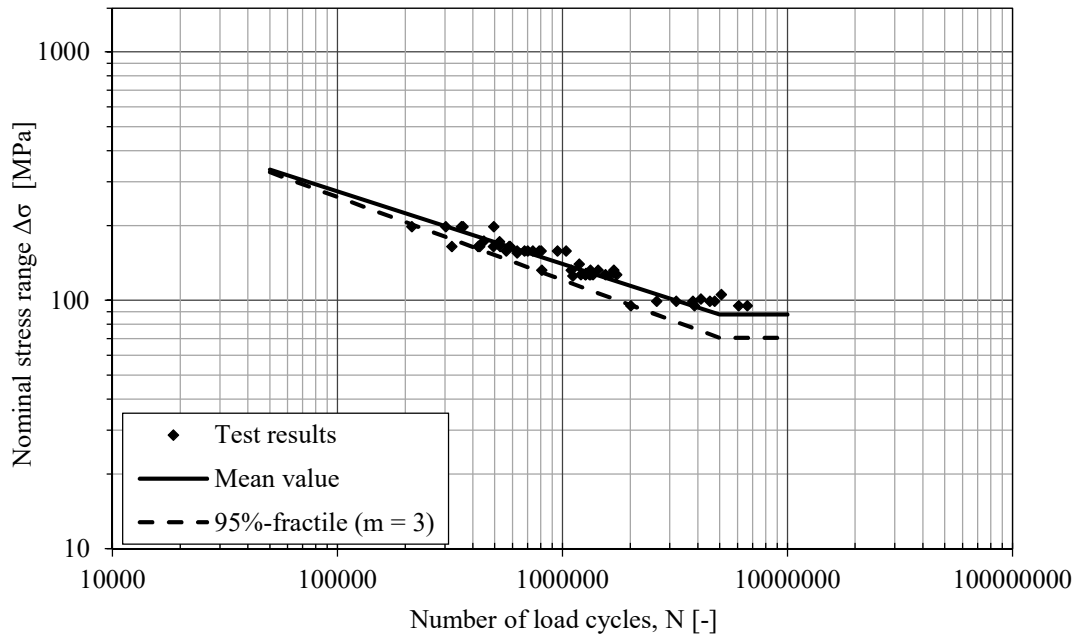
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Group 11



Group 12



Appendix B

This appendix contains all code used to run the FE-analyses in both 2D and 3D. The .in-files are used to define the geometry, loads, BC etc. as well as define the analysis type in ADINA. The Linux script is pasted into a terminal window to run the analyses in batch mode. The .plo-files are used to extract the maximum principal stress from each analysis. Note that the code given in the .in-files is for one model only, which means that separate files must be created for each model in the parameter study. In this thesis, it is done by using Excel. The same goes for the Linux-code and .plo-files. A flowchart of the analysis process can be seen in Figure 4.1.

B1 2D FE-modelling

B1.1 .in-file, one-sided model

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FEPROGRAM     PROGRAM=ADINA

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PARAMETER     a      0.003
PARAMETER     r      0.001

*      Y-direction

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PARAMETER     L6      $L2+$r
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PARAMETER     L9      $L4+2*$r
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PARAMETER     L23     $L2-1.5*$r
PARAMETER     L24     $L3+1.5*$r

*      Z-direction

PARAMETER     L12     $tf+sqrt(2)*$a
PARAMETER     L13     $L12+$L1
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PARAMETER L14 $tf-$r
PARAMETER L15 $tf+$r
PARAMETER L16 $tf-2*$r
PARAMETER L17 $tf+2*$r
PARAMETER L22 $tf-2*$r

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* Scale factor

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* Coordinate system

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SURFACE PATCH NAME=18 EDGE1=50 EDGE2=39 EDGE3=52 EDGE4=29
SURFACE PATCH NAME=19 EDGE1=52 EDGE2=37 EDGE3=54 EDGE4=30
SURFACE PATCH NAME=20 EDGE1=54 EDGE2=71 EDGE3=56 EDGE4=31
SURFACE PATCH NAME=21 EDGE1=56 EDGE2=65 EDGE3=58 EDGE4=32
SURFACE PATCH NAME=22 EDGE1=58 EDGE2=43 EDGE3=60 EDGE4=33
SURFACE PATCH NAME=23 EDGE1=60 EDGE2=10 EDGE3=62 EDGE4=34
SURFACE PATCH NAME=24 EDGE1=64 EDGE2=5 EDGE3=66 EDGE4=38
SURFACE PATCH NAME=25 EDGE1=66 EDGE2=68 EDGE3=67 EDGE4=36
SURFACE PATCH NAME=26 EDGE1=67 EDGE2=9 EDGE3=65 EDGE4=70
SURFACE PATCH NAME=27 EDGE1=41 EDGE2=69 EDGE3=42 EDGE4=68
```

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READ F='model/material.in'

SUBDIVIDE SURFACE NAME=15 MODE=LENGTH SIZE=0.00025
@CLEAR
16
to
27
@
SUBDIVIDE LINE NAME=3 MODE=DIVISIONS NDIV=22 RATIO=12
PROGRESS=ARITHMETIC
@CLEAR
25
11
35
@
SUBDIVIDE LINE NAME=6 MODE=DIVISIONS NDIV=35 RATIO=10
PROGRESS=ARITHMETIC
@CLEAR
8
@

SUBDIVIDE LINE NAME=45 MODE=DIVISIONS NDIV=$s RATIO=8
PROGRESS=ARITHMETIC
@CLEAR
47
49
51
53
55
57
59
61
63
@

SUBDIVIDE LINE NAME=1 MODE=LENGTH SIZE=0.0025
@CLEAR
2
7
12
to
24
@

READ F='model/shell_element.in'
READ F='model/boundary.in'
READ F='model/load.in'

MASTER ANALYSIS=STATIC MODEX=EXECUTE TSTART=0.00
IDOF=100111 OVALIZAT=NONE FLUIDPOT=AUTOMATIC CYCLICPA=1
IPOSIT=STOP REACTION=YES INITIALS=NO FSINTERA=NO
IRINT=DEFAULT CMASS=NO SHELLNDO=AUTOMATIC AUTOMATI=OFF
SOLVER=SPARSE CONTACT-=CONSTRAINT-FUNCTION TRELEASE=0.00
RESTART-=NO FRACTURE=NO LOAD-CAS=NO LOAD-PEN=NO SINGULAR=YES
STIFFNES=0.0001 MAP-OUTP=NONE MAP-FORM=NO
NODAL-DE='' POROUS-C=NO ADAPTIVE=0 ZOOM-LAB=1 AXIS-CYC=0
PERIODIC=NO VECTOR-S=GEOMETRY EPSI-FIR=NO STABILIZ=NO
STABFACT=1.00E-10 RESULTS=PORTHOLE FEFCORR=NO

```

```

BOLTSTEP=1  EXTEND-S=YES  CONVERT-=NO  DEGEN=YES
TMC-MODE=NO  ENSIGHT-=NO  IRSTEPS=1  INITIALT=NO  TEMP-INT=NO
ESINTERA=NO  OP2GEOM=NO  INSITU-D=NO  OP2ERCS=ELEMENT
2DPL-AX=YZ-Z

```

```

ADINA OPTIMIZE=SOLVER  FILE='dat/modell_1.dat'  FIXBOUND=YES  MID=NO
OVERWRIT=YES

```

B1.2 .in-file, double-sided model

```

DATABASE      NEW      SAVE=NO      PROMPT=NO
FEPROGRAM     ADINA
CONTROL       FILEVERSION=V84

FEPROGRAM     PROGRAM=ADINA

CONTROL       UNDO=-1      AUTOMREBUILD=YES
FILEECHO      OPTION=FILE F=loggfil.ut
FILELOG       OPTION=FILE F=loggfil.ut

```

* Indata

```

PARAMETER    tf      0.02
PARAMETER    tw      0.006
PARAMETER    a       0.003
PARAMETER    r       0.001

```

* Y-direction

```

PARAMETER    L1      0.06
PARAMETER    L2      $L1+sqrt(2)*$a
PARAMETER    L3      $L2+$tw
PARAMETER    L4      $L3+sqrt(2)*$a
PARAMETER    L5      $L4+$L1
PARAMETER    L6      $L2+$r
PARAMETER    L7      $L3-$r
PARAMETER    L8      $L1-2*$r
PARAMETER    L9      $L4+2*$r
PARAMETER    L10     $L1-0.5*$r
PARAMETER    L11     $L1+0.5*$r
PARAMETER    L18     $L8-2*$r
PARAMETER    L19     $L9+2*$r
PARAMETER    L20     $L4-0.5*$r
PARAMETER    L21     $L4+0.5*$r
PARAMETER    L23     $L2-1.5*$r
PARAMETER    L24     $L3+1.5*$r

```

* Z-direction

```

PARAMETER    L12     $tf+sqrt(2)*$a
PARAMETER    L13     $L12+$L1
PARAMETER    L14     $tf-$r
PARAMETER    L15     $tf+$r
PARAMETER    L16     $tf-2*$r
PARAMETER    L17     $tf+2*$r
PARAMETER    L22     $tf-2*$r

```

* Scale factor

PARAMETER s anint(\$L22*666)

* Coordinate system

COORDINATE	POINTS	SYSTEM=0
1	0	0
2	0	\$tf
3	0	\$L1 \$tf
4	0	\$L2 \$tf
5	0	\$L2 \$L12
6	0	\$L2 \$L13
7	0	\$L3 \$L13
8	0	\$L3 \$L12
9	0	\$L3 \$tf
10	0	\$L4 \$tf
11	0	\$L5 \$tf
12	0	\$L5 0
13	0	\$L6 \$L15
14	0	\$L6 \$L14
15	0	\$L7 \$L15
16	0	\$L7 \$L14
17	0	\$L18 \$0
18	0	\$L10 \$0
19	0	\$L11 \$0
20	0	\$L23 \$0
21	0	\$L6 \$0
22	0	\$L7 \$0
23	0	\$L24 \$0
24	0	\$L20 \$0
25	0	\$L21 \$0
26	0	\$L19 \$0
27	0	\$L18 \$L22
28	0	\$L10 \$L22
29	0	\$L11 \$L22
30	0	\$L23 \$L22
31	0	\$L6 \$L22
32	0	\$L7 \$L22
33	0	\$L24 \$L22
34	0	\$L20 \$L22
35	0	\$L21 \$L22
36	0	\$L19 \$L22
37	0	0 \$L22
38	0	\$L5 \$L22
39	0	\$L18 \$tf
40	0	\$L19 \$tf
41	0	\$L6 \$tf
42	0	\$L7 \$tf

* Lines

LINE	STRAIGHT	NAME=1	P1=1	P2=37
LINE	STRAIGHT	NAME=2	P1=37	P2=2
LINE	STRAIGHT	NAME=3	P1=39	P2=2
LINE	STRAIGHT	NAME=4	P1=39	P2=3
LINE	STRAIGHT	NAME=5	P1=3	P2=5
LINE	STRAIGHT	NAME=6	P1=5	P2=6

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LINE STRAIGHT NAME=7 P1=6 P2=7
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=8 P1=8 P2=7
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=9 P1=8 P2=10
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=10 P1=10 P2=40
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=11 P1=40 P2=11
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=12 P1=11 P2=38
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=13 P1=38 P2=12
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=14 P1=12 P2=26
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=15 P1=26 P2=25
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=16 P1=25 P2=24
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=17 P1=24 P2=23
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=18 P1=23 P2=22
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=19 P1=22 P2=21
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=20 P1=21 P2=20
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=21 P1=20 P2=19
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=22 P1=19 P2=18
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=23 P1=18 P2=17
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=24 P1=17 P2=1
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=25 P1=27 P2=37
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=26 P1=27 P2=28
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=27 P1=28 P2=29
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=28 P1=29 P2=30
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=29 P1=30 P2=31
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=30 P1=31 P2=32
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=31 P1=32 P2=33
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=32 P1=33 P2=34
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=33 P1=34 P2=35
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=34 P1=35 P2=36
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=35 P1=36 P2=38
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=36 P1=13 P2=15
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=37 P1=14 P2=16
LINE ARC NAME=38 MODE=1 P1=13 P2=4 CENTER=41
LINE ARC NAME=39 MODE=1 P1=4 P2=14 CENTER=41
LINE ARC NAME=40 MODE=7 P3=0 CENTER=17 RADIUS=0.001
@CLEAR
4
5
@
LINE ARC NAME=41 MODE=7 P3=0 CENTER=17 RADIUS=0.001
@CLEAR
5
6
@
LINE ARC NAME=42 MODE=7 P3=0 CENTER=17 RADIUS=0.001
@CLEAR
8
9
@
LINE ARC NAME=43 MODE=7 P3=0 CENTER=17 RADIUS=0.001
@CLEAR
9
10
@
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=44 P1=39 P2=27
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=45 P1=27 P2=17
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=46 P1=43 P2=28
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=47 P1=28 P2=18
LINE STRAIGHT NAME=48 P1=44 P2=29

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LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=49      P1=29 P2=19
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=50      P1=4  P2=30
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=51      P1=30 P2=20
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=52      P1=14 P2=31
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=53      P1=31 P2=21
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=54      P1=16 P2=32
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=55      P1=32 P2=22
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=56      P1=9  P2=33
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=57      P1=33 P2=23
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=58      P1=52 P2=34
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=59      P1=34 P2=24
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=60      P1=53 P2=35
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=61      P1=35 P2=25
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=62      P1=40 P2=36
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=63      P1=36 P2=26
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=64      P1=44 P2=4
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=65      P1=9  P2=52
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=66      P1=46 P2=13
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=67      P1=50 P2=15
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=68      P1=46 P2=50
LINE  STRAIGHT  NAME=69      P1=47 P2=49
LINE  ARC       NAME=70      MODE=1    P1=15 P2=9  CENTER=42
LINE  ARC       NAME=71      MODE=1    P1=9  P2=16 CENTER=42

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```

SURFACE  PATCH NAME=1  EDGE1=1  EDGE2=25  EDGE3=45  EDGE4=24
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=2  EDGE1=2  EDGE2=25  EDGE3=44  EDGE4=3
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=3  EDGE1=45  EDGE2=26  EDGE3=47  EDGE4=23
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=4  EDGE1=47  EDGE2=27  EDGE3=49  EDGE4=22
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=5  EDGE1=49  EDGE2=28  EDGE3=51  EDGE4=21
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=6  EDGE1=51  EDGE2=29  EDGE3=53  EDGE4=20
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=7  EDGE1=53  EDGE2=30  EDGE3=55  EDGE4=19
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=8  EDGE1=55  EDGE2=31  EDGE3=57  EDGE4=18
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=9  EDGE1=57  EDGE2=32  EDGE3=59  EDGE4=17
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=10 EDGE1=59  EDGE2=33  EDGE3=61  EDGE4=16
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=11 EDGE1=61  EDGE2=34  EDGE3=63  EDGE4=15
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=12 EDGE1=63  EDGE2=35  EDGE3=13  EDGE4=14
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=13 EDGE1=62  EDGE2=11  EDGE3=12  EDGE4=35
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=14 EDGE1=6  EDGE2=7  EDGE3=8  EDGE4=69
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=15 EDGE1=44  EDGE2=4  EDGE3=46  EDGE4=26
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=16 EDGE1=46  EDGE2=40  EDGE3=48  EDGE4=27
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=17 EDGE1=48  EDGE2=64  EDGE3=50  EDGE4=28
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=18 EDGE1=50  EDGE2=39  EDGE3=52  EDGE4=29
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=19 EDGE1=52  EDGE2=37  EDGE3=54  EDGE4=30
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=20 EDGE1=54  EDGE2=71  EDGE3=56  EDGE4=31
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=21 EDGE1=56  EDGE2=65  EDGE3=58  EDGE4=32
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=22 EDGE1=58  EDGE2=43  EDGE3=60  EDGE4=33
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=23 EDGE1=60  EDGE2=10  EDGE3=62  EDGE4=34
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=24 EDGE1=64  EDGE2=5  EDGE3=66  EDGE4=38
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=25 EDGE1=66  EDGE2=68  EDGE3=67  EDGE4=36
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=26 EDGE1=67  EDGE2=9  EDGE3=65  EDGE4=70
SURFACE  PATCH NAME=27 EDGE1=41  EDGE2=69  EDGE3=42  EDGE4=68

```

```

READ  F='model/material.in'

```

```

SUBDIVIDE  SURFACE  NAME=15  MODE=LENGTH SIZE=0.00025

```

```

@CLEAR

```

```

16

```

```

to

```

```

27
@
SUBDIVIDE LINE NAME=3 MODE=DIVISIONS NDIV=22 RATIO=12
      PROGRESS=ARITHMETIC
@CLEAR
25
11
35
@
SUBDIVIDE LINE NAME=6 MODE=DIVISIONS NDIV=35 RATIO=10
      PROGRESS=ARITHMETIC
@CLEAR
8
@

SUBDIVIDE LINE NAME=45 MODE=DIVISIONS NDIV=$s RATIO=8
      PROGRESS=ARITHMETIC
@CLEAR
47
49
51
53
55
57
59
61
63
@

SUBDIVIDE LINE NAME=1 MODE=LENGTH SIZE=0.0025
@CLEAR
2
7
12
to
24
@

READ F='model/shell_element.in'
READ F='model/boundary.in'
READ F='model/load.in'

FIXBOUNDARY LINES FIXITY=BOUNDARYZ
14 'BOUNDARYZ'
15 'BOUNDARYZ'
16 'BOUNDARYZ'
17 'BOUNDARYZ'
18 'BOUNDARYZ'
19 'BOUNDARYZ'
20 'BOUNDARYZ'
21 'BOUNDARYZ'
22 'BOUNDARYZ'
23 'BOUNDARYZ'
24 'BOUNDARYZ'
@

MASTER ANALYSIS=STATIC MODEX=EXECUTE TSTART=0.00

```



```

IDOF=100111 OVALIZAT=NONE FLUIDPOT=AUTOMATIC CYCLICPA=1
IPOSIT=STOP REACTION=YES INITIALS=NO FSINTERA=NO
IRINT=DEFAULT CMASS=NO SHELLNDO=AUTOMATIC AUTOMATI=OFF
SOLVER=SPARSE CONTACT-=CONSTRAINT-FUNCTION TRELEASE=0.00
RESTART-=NO FRACTURE=NO LOAD-CAS=NO LOAD-PEN=NO SINGULAR=YES
STIFFNES=0.0001 MAP-OUTP=NONE MAP-FORM=NO
NODAL-DE='' POROUS-C=NO ADAPTIVE=0 ZOOM-LAB=1 AXIS-CYC=0
PERIODIC=NO VECTOR-S=GEOMETRY EPSI-FIR=NO STABILIZ=NO
STABFACT=1.00E-10 RESULTS=PORTHOLE FEFCORR=NO
BOLTSTEP=1 EXTEND-S=YES CONVERT-=NO DEGEN=YES
TMC-MODE=NO ENSIGHT-=NO IRSTEPS=1 INITIALT=NO TEMP-INT=NO
ESINTERA=NO OP2GEOM=NO INSITU-D=NO OP2ERCS=ELEMENT
2DPL-AX=YZ-Z

```

```

ADINA OPTIMIZE=SOLVER FILE='dat/modell_1.dat' FIXBOUND=YES MID=NO
OVERWRIT=YES

```

B1.3 .in-files for material, BC etc.

Material

```
* Steel
```

```
MATERIAL ELASTIC NAME=1 E=210E+9 NU=0.3 DENSITY=7800
```

Elements

```
EGROUP TWOSOLID NAME=1 SUBTYPE=STRAIN MATERIAL=1
```

```
RESULTS=STRESSES
```

```

GSURFACE NODES=8 PATTERN=AUTOMATIC NCOINCID=ALL NCEGE=1234,
  NCVERTEX=1234 NCTOLERA=1.00E-05 SUBSTRUC=0 GROUP=1,
  PREFSHAP=QUADRILATERAL MESHING=MAPPED SMOOTHIN=NO
DEGENERA=NO,
  COLLAPSE=NO MIDNODES=CURVED METHOD=ADVFRONT FLIP=NO

```

```
@CLEAR
```

```
1
```

```
to
```

```
27
```

```
@
```

Boundary conditions

```
FIXITY NAME=BOUNDARYY
```

```
@CLEAR
```

```
'Y-TRANSLATION'
```

```
'OVALIZATION'
```

```
@
```

```
FIXITY NAME=BOUNDARYZ
```

```
@CLEAR
```

```
'Z-TRANSLATION'
```

```
'OVALIZATION'
```

```
@
```

```
FIXBOUNDARY LINES FIXITY=BOUNDARYY
```

```
12 'BOUNDARYY'
```

```
13 'BOUNDARYY'
```

```
@
```

```
FIXBOUNDARY POINTS FIXITY=BOUNDARYZ
```

```

12 'BOUNDARYZ'
@
Load
LOAD PRESSURE NAME=1 MAGNITUD=1000000

APPLY-LOAD BODY=0
@CLEAR
1 'PRESSURE' 1 'LINE' 1 0 1 0.0 0 -1 0 0 0 'NO',
  0.0 0.0 1 0 'MID'
2 'PRESSURE' 1 'LINE' 2 0 1 0.0 0 -1 0 0 0 'NO',
  0.0 0.0 1 0 'MID'
@

```

B2 3D FE-modelling

B2.1 .in-file

```

DATABASE NEW SAVE=NO PROMPT=NO
FEPROGRAM ADINA
CONTROL FILEVERSION=V91

```

```

*          Indata
PARAMETER      tf          0.00953
PARAMETER      tw1         0.00714
PARAMETER      tw2         0.00714
PARAMETER      a           0.0048
PARAMETER      r           0.001
PARAMETER      d           0.0123
PARAMETER      rat         0.01
PARAMETER      liv         0.332
PARAMETER      hliv        $liv*0.5
PARAMETER      nmesh       0.00015
PARAMETER      fmesh       0.03
PARAMETER      cmesh       0.3
* Rext must be greater than Lext
PARAMETER      Lext        1.5252
PARAMETER      Rext        1.5252

PARAMETER      L1          0.15
PARAMETER      L2          0.172
PARAMETER      L3          $tf*0.5+0.25*$liv
PARAMETER      L4          $L2*0.5-$tw1*0.5-$d
PARAMETER      L5          $L4*0.5+$tw1*0.5
PARAMETER      L6          $rat+sqrt(2)*$a+0.001
PARAMETER      L7          $L6*0.5+$tw1*0.5
PARAMETER      L8          $L6*0.5+$tf*0.5
PARAMETER      L9          sqrt(2)*$a
PARAMETER      L10         2*$r
PARAMETER      L11         $L4*0.5-$L6*0.5+$L6+$tw1*0.5
PARAMETER      L12         0.5*$tf
PARAMETER      L13         $L4-$L6
PARAMETER      L14         0.5*$tw2
PARAMETER      L15         $L3+0.5*$L6
PARAMETER      L16         $hliv-$L6
PARAMETER      L17         $tw2*0.5+sqrt(2)*$a+$r*0.3

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PARAMETER	L35	$\$tw2*0.5+sqrt(2)*\$a-\$r*0.3$
PARAMETER	L18	$\$L11-0.5*\$L13-sqrt(2)*\$a-\$r*0.3$
PARAMETER	L19	$\$L11+0.5*\$L13+sqrt(2)*\$a+\$r*0.3$
PARAMETER	L20	$\$tf*0.5-\r
PARAMETER	L21	$\$tf*0.5+\r
PARAMETER	L22	$\$tw2*0.5+\$L10+0.004$
PARAMETER	L23	$\$tw1*0.5+0.004$
PARAMETER	L24	$\$L2+0.5*\tf
PARAMETER	L25	$0.5*\$tf+\$L6-sqrt(2)*\$a-\$r-0.004$
PARAMETER	L26	0.1
PARAMETER	L27	$\$Rext-\$L26*0.5-0.05+\$L1*0.5$
PARAMETER	L28	$\$Lext-\$L26*0.5-0.05+\$L1*0.5$
PARAMETER	L29	$\$Rext+\$L1*0.5- (\$Rext+\$Lext+0.15)*0.33$
PARAMETER	L30	$\$Lext+\$L1*0.5- (\$Rext+\$Lext+0.15)*0.33$
PARAMETER	L31	$2*\$tf+\liv
PARAMETER	L32	$\$L1*0.3$
PARAMETER	L33	$\$L2*0.5$
PARAMETER	L34	$\$L2+\$tf*0.5$

BODY BLOCK NAME=1 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
 ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
 CX1=0 CX2=0 CX3=0,
 SYSTEM=0 DX1=\$L1 DX2=\$L2 DX3=\$tf

BODY BLOCK NAME=2 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
 ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
 CX1=0 CX2=0 CX3=\$L3,
 SYSTEM=0 DX1=\$L1 DX2=\$tw1 DX3=\$hliv

BODY BLOCK NAME=3 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
 ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
 CX1=0 CX2=-\$L5 CX3=\$L3,
 SYSTEM=0 DX1=\$tw2 DX2=\$L4 DX3=\$hliv

BODY BLOCK NAME=4 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
 ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
 CX1=0 CX2=\$L5 CX3=\$L3,
 SYSTEM=0 DX1=\$tw2 DX2=\$L4 DX3=\$hliv

BODY BLOCK NAME=5 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
 ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
 CX1=0 CX2=-\$L7 CX3=\$L8,
 SYSTEM=0 DX1=\$tw2 DX2=\$L6 DX3=\$L6

BODY BLOCK NAME=6 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
 ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
 CX1=0 CX2=\$L7 CX3=\$L8,
 SYSTEM=0 DX1=\$tw2 DX2=\$L6 DX3=\$L6

BODY SUBTRACT NAME=4 KEEP-TOO=NO KEEP-IMP=NO
 @CLEAR
 6
 @

BODY SUBTRACT NAME=3 KEEP-TOO=NO KEEP-IMP=NO
 @CLEAR
 5

@

BODY BLEND NAME=4 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$rat
@CLEAR
15
@

BODY BLEND NAME=3 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$rat
@CLEAR
13
@

BODY MERGE NAME=1 KEEP-TOO=NO MERGE-IM=YES
@CLEAR
2
3
4
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
15 0
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
46 0
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
18 0
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
33 0
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
40 0
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
15 0
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
15 0
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
41 0
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
33 0
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
35 0
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
35 0
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
25 0
@

BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=\$L9 R2=\$L9 OPTION=EDGE
20 0
@

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BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=$L9 R2=$L9 OPTION=EDGE
21 0
@
BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=$L9 R2=$L9 OPTION=EDGE
18 0
@
BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=$L9 R2=$L9 OPTION=EDGE
23 0
@
BODY CHAMFER NAME=1 R1=$L9 R2=$L9 OPTION=EDGE
30 0
@

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BODY BLOCK NAME=2 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
  CX1=0 CX2=-$L11 CX3=$L12,
  SYSTEM=0 DX1=$tw1 DX2=$L13 DX3=$L10

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BODY BLOCK NAME=3 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
  CX1=0 CX2=$L11 CX3=$L12,
  SYSTEM=0 DX1=$tw1 DX2=$L13 DX3=$L10

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BODY SUBTRACT NAME=1 KEEP-TOO=NO KEEP-IMP=NO
@CLEAR
2
3
@

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BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=$r
@CLEAR
116
124
122
118
110
112
106
104
@

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BODY BLOCK NAME=2 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
  CX1=0 CX2=-$L14 CX3=$L15,
  SYSTEM=0 DX1=$tw1 DX2=$L10 DX3=$L16

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BODY BLOCK NAME=3 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
  CX1=0 CX2=$L14 CX3=$L15,
  SYSTEM=0 DX1=$tw1 DX2=$L10 DX3=$L16

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BODY SUBTRACT NAME=1 KEEP-TOO=NO KEEP-IMP=NO
@CLEAR
2
3
@

```

BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$r
@CLEAR
139
149
151
161
142
145
154
157
@

BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$r
@CLEAR
66
@

BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$r
@CLEAR
65
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BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$r
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@CLEAR
43
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BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$r
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42
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BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$r
@CLEAR
38
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BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$r
@CLEAR
37
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BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$r
@CLEAR
34
@
BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$r
@CLEAR
33
@
BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$r
@CLEAR
48
@
BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=\$r
@CLEAR

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47
@
BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=$r
@CLEAR
46
@
BODY BLEND NAME=1 OPTION=CONSTANT R1=$r
@CLEAR
45
@

TRANSFORMATI REFLECTION NAME=1 MODE=POINTS P1=253 P2=259 P3=241

BODY TRANSFORMED NAME=2 OPTION=COPY PARENT=1 TRANSFOR=1 NCOPY=1,
    MESH=NO EGROU=0 NCOINCID=NO NTOLERAN=1E-05

MATERIAL ELASTIC NAME=1 E=210E+9 NU=0.3 DENSITY=7800

BODY MERGE NAME=1 KEEP-TOO=NO MERGE-IM=YES
@CLEAR
1
2
@

BODY SWEEP NAME=2 FACE=0 OPTION=VECTOR DX=$Lext,
    DY=0 DZ=0 SYSTEM=0 BODY=0 MESH=NO,
    NODES=0 SUBSTRUC=0 3D-EGROU=0 NDIV=1 NCOINCID=BOUNDARIES,
    NCTOLERA=1E-05 DELETE-F=ALL,
    TWIST-AN=0 MERGE=YES
@CLEAR
7 1
@

BODY SWEEP NAME=2 FACE=0 OPTION=VECTOR DX=-$Rext,
    DY=0 DZ=0 SYSTEM=0 BODY=0 MESH=NO,
    NODES=0 SUBSTRUC=0 3D-EGROU=0 NDIV=1 NCOINCID=BOUNDARIES,
    NCTOLERA=1E-05 DELETE-F=ALL,
    TWIST-AN=0 MERGE=YES
@CLEAR
4 1
@

BODY BLOCK NAME=2 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
    CX1=-$L27 CX2=0 CX3=-$tf,
    SYSTEM=0 DX1=$L26 DX2=$L2 DX3=$tf

BODY BLOCK NAME=3 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
    CX1=$L28 CX2=0 CX3=-$tf,
    SYSTEM=0 DX1=$L26 DX2=$L2 DX3=$tf

BODY BLOCK NAME=4 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
    CX1=-$L29 CX2=0 CX3=$L31,
    SYSTEM=0 DX1=$L26 DX2=$L2 DX3=$tf

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BODY BLOCK NAME=5 OPTION=CENTERED POSITION=VECTOR
ORIENTAT=SYSTEM,
  CX1=$L30 CX2=0 CX3=$L31,
  SYSTEM=0 DX1=$L26 DX2=$L2 DX3=$tf
```

```
BODY MERGE NAME=1 KEEP-TOO=NO MERGE-IM=YES
@CLEAR
1
2
3
4
5
@
```

```
SHEET PLANE NAME=1 OPTION=POINT-NORMAL POSITION=VECTOR,
  X=0 Y=0 Z=0,
  NX=0 NY=1 NZ=0,
  SYSTEM=0
```

```
BODY SECTION NAME=1 KEEP-SHE=NO KEEP-IMP=NO OPTION=SHEET
@CLEAR
1 0
@
```

```
DELETE BODY FIRST=2 LAST=2
```

```
SHEET PLANE NAME=1 OPTION=POINT-NORMAL POSITION=VECTOR,
  X=0 Y=0 Z=0,
  NX=1 NY=0 NZ=0,
  SYSTEM=0
```

```
BODY SECTION NAME=1 KEEP-SHE=NO KEEP-IMP=NO OPTION=SHEET
@CLEAR
1 0
@
```

```
DELETE BODY FIRST=2 LAST=2
```

```
FIXITY NAME=YX
'Y-TRANSLATION'
'X-TRANSLATION'
'OVALIZATION'
@
```

```
FIXITY NAME=Z
'Z-TRANSLATION'
'OVALIZATION'
@
```

```
FIXITY NAME=Y
'Y-TRANSLATION'
'OVALIZATION'
@
```

```
FIXITY NAME=X
'X-TRANSLATION'
'OVALIZATION'
@
```

```

FIXBOUNDARY TWO-D FIXITY=Z
91 1 'Z'
@

FIXBOUNDARY THREE-D FIXITY=Y
39 1 'Y'
@

FIXBOUNDARY THREE-D FIXITY=X
7 1 'X'
@

LOAD PRESSURE NAME=1 MAGNITUD=-1000000 BETA=0.0 LINE=0 SYSTEM=0

APPLY-LOAD BODY=1
@CLEAR
1 'PRESSURE' 1 'FACE' 31 0 1 0.0 13 -1 0 1 0 'NO',
  0.0 0.0 1 0 'MID'
@

SUBDIVIDE MODEL MODE=LENGTH SIZE=$cmesh NDIV=1,
  PROGRESS=GEOMETRIC MINCUR=1

EGROUP THREEDSOLID NAME=1 DISPLACE=DEFAULT STRAINS=DEFAULT
MATERIAL=1,
  RSINT=DEFAULT TINT=DEFAULT RESULTS=STRESSES DEGEN=DEFAULT,
  FORMULAT=DEFAULT STRESSRE=GLOBAL INITIALS=NONE FRACTUR=NO,
  CMASS=DEFAULT STRAIN-F=0 UL-FORMU=DEFAULT LVUS1=0 LVUS2=0
SED=NO,
  RUPTURE=ADINA INCOMPAT=DEFAULT TIME-OFF=0.0,
  POROUS=NO WTMC=1.0 OPTION=NONE DESCRIPT='NONE',
  PRINT=DEFAULT SAVE=DEFAULT TBIRTH=0.0,
  TDEATH=0.0000000000000000 TMC-MATE=1 RUPTURE--=0 EM=NO
JOULE=NO,
  BOLT-NUM=0 BOLT-PLA=0 BOLT-LOA=0.0,
  BOLT-TOL=0.0 TETINT=DEFAULT

SIZE-FUNCTIO BOUNDS NAME=3 XMIN=-$L32 YMIN=-$L33 ZMIN=-$L12,
  XMAX=$L32 YMAX=$L33 ZMAX=$L31,
  SIZE1=$fmesh,
  SIZE2=$fmesh SIZE3=$fmesh,
  SIZE4=$fmesh SIZE5=$fmesh,
  SIZE6=$fmesh SIZE7=$fmesh,
  SIZE8=$fmesh

SIZE-FUNCTIO BOUNDS NAME=1 XMIN=$L35 YMIN=$L18 ZMIN=$L20,
  XMAX=$L17 YMAX=$L19 ZMAX=$L21,
  SIZE1=$nmesh,
  SIZE2=$nmesh SIZE3=$nmesh,
  SIZE4=$nmesh SIZE5=$nmesh,
  SIZE6=$nmesh SIZE7=$nmesh,
  SIZE8=$nmesh

SIZE-FUNCTIO COMBINED NAME=4
1
3

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@

```
GBODY NODES=10 NCOINCID=NO NCTOLERA=1.0E-05,  
SUBSTRUC=0 GROUP=1 PREFSHAP=AUTOMATIC COLLAPSE=NO SIZE-  
FUN=4,  
DELETE-S=NO ANGLE-MI=5.0 MIDNODES=CURVED,  
METHOD=DELAUNAY PATTERN=0 MESHING=FREE-FORM DEGENERA=YES,  
BOUNDARY=DELAUNAY DEG-EDGE=0 GEO-ERRO=0.0,  
SAMPLING=20 MIN-SIZE=$cmesh NLAYER=1 NLTABL=0,  
AUTO-GRA=YES SIMULATE=NO PYRAMIDS=NO DANGMAXB=80.0,  
DANGMAXC=80.0 DANGMAXD=80.0 HEXALAYE=NO,  
AUTO-REF=YES EVEN=SUM DENSITY=2 MIDFACEN=QUAD,  
REFINE=EDGE-MIDDLE GRID=YES BREFINE=EDGE-MIDDLE BLTABL=0,  
PREFSHA2=QUADRILATERAL NOPTI=1
```

1 0

@

```
MASTER ANALYSIS=STATIC MODEX=EXECUTE TSTART=0.00  
IDOF=000111 OVALIZAT=NONE FLUIDPOT=NO CYCLICPA=1  
IPOSIT=STOP REACTION=YES INITIALS=NO FSINTERA=NO IRINT=DEFAULT  
CMASS=NO SHELLNDO=AUTOMATIC AUTOMATI=OFF SOLVER=3D-ITERATIVE  
CONTACT-=CONSTRAINT-FUNCTION TRELEASE=0.0  
RESTART-=NO FRACTURE=NO LOAD-CAS=NO LOAD-PEN=NO SINGULAR=YES  
STIFFNES=0.0001 MAP-OUTP=NONE MAP-FORM=NO  
NODAL-DE='' POROUS-C=NO ADAPTIVE=0 ZOOM-LAB=1 AXIS-CYC=0  
PERIODIC=NO VECTOR-S=GEOMETRY EPSI-FIR=NO STABILIZ=NO  
STABFACT=1.00E-10 RESULTS=PORTHOLE FEF CORR=NO  
BOLTSTEP=1 EXTEND-S=YES CONVERT-=NO DEGEN=YES TMC-MODE=NO  
ENSIGHT-=NO IRSTEPS=1 INITIALT=NO TEMP-INT=NO ESINTERA=NO  
OP2GEOM=NO INSITU-D=NO OP2ERCS=ELEMENT 2DPL-AX=YZ-Z
```

```
ADINA          OPTIMIZE=SOLVER   FILE='3Dsymmetry1.dat'  
                FIXBOUND=YES MID=NO      OVERWRIT=YES
```

B3 Linux script

```
mkdir modell_1  
sleep 0.5  
adina9.1 modell_1.dat  
sleep 0.5  
mv modell_1.por \modell_1  
mv modell_1.mds \modell_1  
mv modell_1.msg \modell_1  
mv modell_1.out \modell_1  
mv modell_1.res \modell_1  
sleep 0.5  
cp run_modell_1.plo \modell_1  
cp resultat.plo \modell_1  
sleep 0.5  
cd modell_1  
mkdir rse  
aui9.1 -m 3000mb -s run_modell_1.plo -cmd  
sleep 0.5  
cd ..
```

B4 .plo-files

Run_model_1.plo

```
DATABASE NEW SAVE=UNKNOWN PROMPT=NO
*
LOADPTHOLE OPERATIO=CREATE FILE='modell_1.por'
*
READ FILE='resultat.plo'
*
end s=no pr=n i=y
```

resultat.plo

```
FILESESSION NO
CONTROL UNDO=-1 AUTOMREBUILD=NO SESSIONSTORAGE=NO
FILEECHO OPTION=FILE F=post.ut
FILELOG OPTION=FILE F=post.ut

FILELIST FILE F='rse/EG1_effective_stress.txt'

ZONEMAX ZONENAME=EG1 TYPE=ABSMAX NUMBER=1 RESULTGR=DEFAULT,
SMOOTHIN=AVERAGED RESULTCO=DEFAULT RESPOPTI=RESPRANGE,
RESPONSE=DEFAULT RESPRANG=DEFAULT VARIABLE=SIGMA-P1
```


171	modell 171	EG1 effective stress.txt	E175	3092690	0.0600	0.0300	0.0054	0.0453	3.09	72.7522
172	modell 172	EG1 effective stress.txt	E176	3215160	0.0600	0.0300	0.0084	0.0538	3.22	69.9810
173	modell 173	EG1 effective stress.txt	E177	3303070	0.0600	0.0300	0.0114	0.0622	3.30	68.1184
174	modell 174	EG1 effective stress.txt	E178	3360670	0.0600	0.0300	0.0144	0.0707	3.36	66.9509
175	modell 175	EG1 effective stress.txt	E179	3396190	0.0600	0.0300	0.0174	0.0792	3.40	66.2507
176	modell 176	EG1 effective stress.txt	E180	3226560	0.0600	0.0360	0.0060	0.0530	3.23	69.7337
177	modell 177	EG1 effective stress.txt	E181	3318800	0.0600	0.0360	0.0096	0.0632	3.32	67.7956
178	modell 178	EG1 effective stress.txt	E182	3381100	0.0600	0.0360	0.0132	0.0733	3.38	66.5464
179	modell 179	EG1 effective stress.txt	E183	3415800	0.0600	0.0360	0.0168	0.0835	3.42	65.8704
180	modell 180	EG1 effective stress.txt	E184	3431990	0.0600	0.0360	0.0204	0.0937	3.43	65.5596
181	modell 181	EG1 effective stress.txt	E185	3334080	0.0600	0.0420	0.0066	0.0607	3.33	67.4849
182	modell 182	EG1 effective stress.txt	E186	3393130	0.0600	0.0420	0.0108	0.0725	3.39	66.3105
183	modell 183	EG1 effective stress.txt	E187	3429880	0.0600	0.0420	0.0150	0.0844	3.43	65.6000
184	modell 184	EG1 effective stress.txt	E188	3444160	0.0600	0.0420	0.0192	0.0963	3.44	65.3280
185	modell 185	EG1 effective stress.txt	E189	3445190	0.0600	0.0420	0.0234	0.1082	3.45	65.3084
186	modell 186	EG1 effective stress.txt	E190	3419900	0.0600	0.0480	0.0072	0.0684	3.42	65.7914
187	modell 187	EG1 effective stress.txt	E191	3445270	0.0600	0.0480	0.0120	0.0819	3.45	65.3069
188	modell 188	EG1 effective stress.txt	E192	3458200	0.0600	0.0480	0.0168	0.0955	3.46	65.0627
189	modell 189	EG1 effective stress.txt	E193	3455640	0.0600	0.0480	0.0216	0.1091	3.46	65.1109
190	modell 190	EG1 effective stress.txt	E194	3446040	0.0600	0.0480	0.0264	0.1227	3.45	65.2923
191	modell 191	EG1 effective stress.txt	E195	3488220	0.0600	0.0540	0.0078	0.0761	3.49	64.5028
192	modell 192	EG1 effective stress.txt	E196	3480560	0.0600	0.0540	0.0132	0.0913	3.48	64.6448
193	modell 193	EG1 effective stress.txt	E197	3472390	0.0600	0.0540	0.0186	0.1066	3.47	64.7969
194	modell 194	EG1 effective stress.txt	E198	3456850	0.0600	0.0540	0.0240	0.1219	3.46	65.0882
195	modell 195	EG1 effective stress.txt	E199	3440730	0.0600	0.0540	0.0294	0.1372	3.44	65.3931
196	modell 196	EG1 effective stress.txt	E200	3541970	0.0600	0.0600	0.0084	0.0838	3.54	63.5240
197	modell 197	EG1 effective stress.txt	E201	3503060	0.0600	0.0600	0.0144	0.1007	3.50	64.2296
198	modell 198	EG1 effective stress.txt	E202	3476890	0.0600	0.0600	0.0204	0.1177	3.48	64.7130
199	modell 199	EG1 effective stress.txt	E203	3452220	0.0600	0.0600	0.0264	0.1347	3.45	65.1755
200	modell 200	EG1 effective stress.txt	E204	3432970	0.0600	0.0600	0.0324	0.1516	3.43	65.5409

One-sided stiffener, t_r varies					
Nr	t_r [m]	t_w [m]	a [m]	L [m]	K_r [-]
1	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.0230	1.716
2	0.008	0.006	0.006	0.0230	1.868
3	0.01	0.006	0.006	0.0230	1.996
4	0.02	0.006	0.006	0.0230	2.371
5	0.03	0.006	0.006	0.0230	2.511
6	0.04	0.006	0.006	0.0230	2.572
7	0.05	0.006	0.006	0.0230	2.601
8	0.06	0.006	0.006	0.0230	2.617
9	0.006	0.009	0.009	0.0345	1.712
10	0.008	0.009	0.009	0.0345	1.856
11	0.01	0.009	0.009	0.0345	1.981
12	0.02	0.009	0.009	0.0345	2.433
13	0.03	0.009	0.009	0.0345	2.682
14	0.04	0.009	0.009	0.0345	2.813
15	0.05	0.009	0.009	0.0345	2.885
16	0.06	0.009	0.009	0.0345	2.928

One-sided stiffener, t_w varies					
Nr	t_r [m]	t_w [m]	a [m]	L [m]	K_r [-]
17	0.02	0.006	0.006	0.0230	2.371
18	0.02	0.012	0.006	0.0290	2.426
19	0.02	0.018	0.006	0.0350	2.467
20	0.02	0.024	0.006	0.0410	2.499
21	0.02	0.03	0.006	0.0470	2.525
22	0.02	0.036	0.006	0.0530	2.546
23	0.02	0.042	0.006	0.0590	2.562
24	0.02	0.048	0.006	0.0650	2.575

One-sided stiffener, a varies					
Nr	t_r [m]	t_w [m]	a [m]	L [m]	K_r [-]
25	0.06	0.036	0.003	0.0445	3.189
26	0.06	0.036	0.006	0.0530	3.226
27	0.06	0.036	0.012	0.0699	3.364
28	0.06	0.036	0.018	0.0869	3.423
29	0.06	0.036	0.024	0.1039	3.437
30	0.06	0.036	0.03	0.1209	3.434
31	0.06	0.036	0.036	0.1378	3.426
32	0.06	0.036	0.042	0.1548	3.419
33	0.06	0.036	0.048	0.1718	3.415
34	0.06	0.036	0.054	0.1887	3.414

171	modell 171	EG1 effective stress.txt	E175	3238660	0.0600	0.0300	0.0054	0.0453	3.239	69.473
172	modell 172	EG1 effective stress.txt	E176	3459890	0.0600	0.0300	0.0084	0.0538	3.460	65.031
173	modell 173	EG1 effective stress.txt	E177	3648800	0.0600	0.0300	0.0114	0.0622	3.649	61.664
174	modell 174	EG1 effective stress.txt	E178	3805030	0.0600	0.0300	0.0144	0.0707	3.805	59.132
175	modell 175	EG1 effective stress.txt	E179	3933360	0.0600	0.0300	0.0174	0.0792	3.933	57.203
176	modell 176	EG1 effective stress.txt	E180	3425050	0.0600	0.0360	0.0060	0.0530	3.425	65.692
177	modell 177	EG1 effective stress.txt	E181	3641830	0.0600	0.0360	0.0096	0.0632	3.642	61.782
178	modell 178	EG1 effective stress.txt	E182	3825980	0.0600	0.0360	0.0132	0.0733	3.826	58.808
179	modell 179	EG1 effective stress.txt	E183	3973970	0.0600	0.0360	0.0168	0.0835	3.974	56.618
180	modell 180	EG1 effective stress.txt	E184	4091220	0.0600	0.0360	0.0204	0.0937	4.091	54.996
181	modell 181	EG1 effective stress.txt	E185	3588160	0.0600	0.0420	0.0066	0.0607	3.588	62.706
182	modell 182	EG1 effective stress.txt	E186	3795510	0.0600	0.0420	0.0108	0.0725	3.796	59.281
183	modell 183	EG1 effective stress.txt	E187	3970980	0.0600	0.0420	0.0150	0.0844	3.971	56.661
184	modell 184	EG1 effective stress.txt	E188	4107700	0.0600	0.0420	0.0192	0.0963	4.108	54.775
185	modell 185	EG1 effective stress.txt	E189	4211770	0.0600	0.0420	0.0234	0.1082	4.212	53.422
186	modell 186	EG1 effective stress.txt	E190	3731480	0.0600	0.0480	0.0072	0.0684	3.731	60.298
187	modell 187	EG1 effective stress.txt	E191	3926490	0.0600	0.0480	0.0120	0.0819	3.926	57.303
188	modell 188	EG1 effective stress.txt	E192	4090780	0.0600	0.0480	0.0168	0.0955	4.091	55.002
189	modell 189	EG1 effective stress.txt	E193	4214430	0.0600	0.0480	0.0216	0.1091	4.214	53.388
190	modell 190	EG1 effective stress.txt	E194	4304450	0.0600	0.0480	0.0264	0.1227	4.304	52.271
191	modell 191	EG1 effective stress.txt	E195	3858470	0.0600	0.0540	0.0078	0.0761	3.858	58.313
192	modell 192	EG1 effective stress.txt	E196	4039070	0.0600	0.0540	0.0132	0.0913	4.039	55.706
193	modell 193	EG1 effective stress.txt	E197	4190540	0.0600	0.0540	0.0186	0.1066	4.191	53.692
194	modell 194	EG1 effective stress.txt	E198	4300020	0.0600	0.0540	0.0240	0.1219	4.300	52.325
195	modell 195	EG1 effective stress.txt	E199	4375720	0.0600	0.0540	0.0294	0.1372	4.376	51.420
196	modell 196	EG1 effective stress.txt	E200	3971490	0.0600	0.0600	0.0084	0.0838	3.971	56.654
197	modell 197	EG1 effective stress.txt	E201	4136550	0.0600	0.0600	0.0144	0.1007	4.137	54.393
198	modell 198	EG1 effective stress.txt	E202	4273930	0.0600	0.0600	0.0204	0.1177	4.274	52.645
199	modell 199	EG1 effective stress.txt	E203	4368710	0.0600	0.0600	0.0264	0.1347	4.369	51.503
200	modell 200	EG1 effective stress.txt	E204	4430280	0.0600	0.0600	0.0324	0.1516	4.430	50.787

Double-sided stiffener, t_f varies					
Nr	t_f [m]	t_w [m]	a [m]	L [m]	K_f [-]
1	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.023	2.152
2	0.008	0.006	0.006	0.023	2.327
3	0.010	0.006	0.006	0.023	2.441
4	0.020	0.006	0.006	0.023	2.643
5	0.030	0.006	0.006	0.023	2.674
6	0.040	0.006	0.006	0.023	2.674
7	0.050	0.006	0.006	0.023	2.671
8	0.060	0.006	0.006	0.023	2.667
9	0.006	0.009	0.009	0.034	2.141
10	0.008	0.009	0.009	0.034	2.357
11	0.010	0.009	0.009	0.034	2.522
12	0.020	0.009	0.009	0.034	2.912
13	0.030	0.009	0.009	0.034	3.021
14	0.040	0.009	0.009	0.034	3.05
15	0.050	0.009	0.009	0.034	3.058
16	0.060	0.009	0.009	0.034	3.057

Double-sided stiffener, t_w varies					
Nr	t_f [m]	t_w [m]	a [m]	L [m]	K_f [-]
17	0.020	0.006	0.006	0.023	2.643
18	0.020	0.012	0.006	0.029	2.762
19	0.020	0.018	0.006	0.035	2.883
20	0.020	0.024	0.006	0.041	2.994
21	0.020	0.030	0.006	0.047	3.094
22	0.020	0.036	0.006	0.053	3.187
23	0.020	0.042	0.006	0.059	3.273
24	0.020	0.048	0.006	0.065	3.353

Double-sided stiffener, a varies					
Nr	t_f [m]	t_w [m]	a [m]	L [m]	K_f [-]
25	0.060	0.036	0.003	0.044	3.283
26	0.060	0.036	0.006	0.053	3.425
27	0.060	0.036	0.012	0.070	3.768
28	0.060	0.036	0.018	0.087	4.016
29	0.060	0.036	0.024	0.104	4.183
30	0.060	0.036	0.030	0.121	4.295
31	0.060	0.036	0.036	0.138	4.369
32	0.060	0.036	0.042	0.155	4.419
33	0.060	0.036	0.048	0.172	4.451
34	0.060	0.036	0.054	0.189	4.516

C3 3D FE-results

Here are the indata for the 3D FE-analyses listed. Instead of extracting the nominal stress in the post-processing, the nominal stress is calculated analytically and used to calculate the stress concentration factor K_t .

Indata					
Nr	Lit.ref	Flange thicken., t_f [m]	Web thicken., t_w [m]	weld throat, a [m]	Web height, h_w [m]
1	SCB	0.010	0.007	0.005	0.332
2	B+SB	0.025	0.005	0.005	0.254
3	BT	0.014	0.009	0.008	0.150
4	A,B,C,D	0.019	0.019	0.006	0.610
5	SGB/SGC/SBB	0.013	0.006	0.005	0.940
6	TEST 1	0.030	0.010	0.010	0.332
7	TEST 2	0.030	0.010	0.010	0.332
8	TEST 3	0.030	0.010	0.010	0.332
9	TEST 4	0.030	0.010	0.010	0.332

E [Pa]	σ [Pa]
2.10E+11	1000000

Indata				
Nr	h_{tot} [m]	Half span-0,075 m, L_{ext}/R_{ext} [m]	Span in model [m]	Flange width, L_2 [m]
1	0.351	1.525	2.900	0.172
2	0.305	1.220	2.290	0.127
3	0.178	0.941	1.732	0.178
4	0.648	1.868	3.586	0.305
5	0.965	2.973	5.796	0.197
6	0.392	1.525	2.900	0.300
7	0.392	1.525	2.900	0.300
8	0.392	1.525	2.900	0.300
9	0.392	1.525	2.900	0.300

Deflection						
Nr	z_c [m]	I [m ⁴]	a [m]	F [N]	$\delta_{a,1}$ [m]	$\delta_{a,tot}$ [m]
1	0.175	0.0001172	0.906	17200	0.0002895	0.0005790
2	0.152	0.0001328	0.705	12700	0.0000919	0.0001839
3	0.089	0.0000360	0.521	17800	0.0002021	0.0004041
4	0.324	0.0015075	1.132	30500	0.0000760	0.0001520
5	0.483	0.0015750	1.862	19700	0.0002008	0.0004016
6	0.196	0.0006215	0.906	30000	0.0000953	0.0001905
7	0.196	0.0006215	0.906	30000	0.0000953	0.0001905
8	0.196	0.0006215	0.906	30000	0.0000953	0.0001905
9	0.196	0.0006215	0.906	30000	0.0000953	0.0001905

Nominal stress				Effective notch stress	
Nr	M_{max} [Nm]	W [m ³]	Nominal stress [MPa]	ENS [MPa]	K_t [-]
1	15585.5	0.0007067	22.053	50.980	2.312
2	8949.7	0.0010453	8.562	21.810	2.547
3	9266.0	0.0004802	19.297	52.680	2.730
4	34537.6	0.0049468	6.982	18.280	2.618
5	36675.1	0.0033510	10.944	25.320	2.314
6	27184.0	0.0037442	7.260	24.280	3.344
7	27184.0	0.0037442	7.260	23.200	3.195
8	27184.0	0.0037442	7.260	24.940	3.435
9	27184.0	0.0037442	7.260	25.820	3.556

3D analyses					
Nr	t_w [m]	a [m]	L [m]	K_t [-]	Δσ_C [MPa]
1	0.0071	0.00476	0.0206	2.312	97.33
2	0.0064	0.00476	0.0198	2.547	88.32
3	0.0127	0.00794	0.0352	2.730	82.42
4	0.0079	0.00635	0.0259	2.618	85.94
5	0.0064	0.00476	0.0198	2.314	97.25
6	0.0320	0.01000	0.0603	3.344	67.28
7	0.0220	0.01000	0.0503	3.195	70.41
8	0.0420	0.01000	0.0703	3.435	65.50
9	0.0520	0.01000	0.0803	3.556	63.27

Appendix D

This appendix presents the data, which is used to derive the equations presented in Section 5.3.5 for both one- and double-sided transverse stiffener.

D1 One-sided equation

Curve-fitting factors for K_1 -L-curve									
$t_f = 0.02$ m		$t_f = 0.03$ m		$t_f = 0.04$ m		$t_f = 0.05$ m		$t_f = 0.06$ m	
$K_1 = A*L^2+B*L+C$		$K_1 = A*L^2+B*L+C$		$K_1 = A*L^2+B*L+C$		$K_1 = A*L^2+B*L+C$		$K_1 = A*L^2+B*L+C$	
A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
-735.197	52.624	-539.004	51.789	-399.804	49.106	-291.831	44.573	-203.611	38.191
1.531		1.528		1.568		1.651		1.778	
L	K_1	L	K_1	L	K_1	L	K_1	L	K_1
0.005	1.776	0.005	1.773	0.005	1.803	0.005	1.867	0.005	1.964
0.010	1.984	0.010	1.992	0.010	2.019	0.010	2.068	0.010	2.140
0.015	2.155	0.015	2.183	0.015	2.215	0.015	2.254	0.015	2.305
0.020	2.290	0.020	2.348	0.020	2.390	0.020	2.426	0.020	2.461
0.025	2.387	0.025	2.486	0.025	2.546	0.025	2.583	0.025	2.606
0.030	2.448	0.030	2.596	0.030	2.681	0.030	2.726	0.030	2.741
0.035	2.472	0.035	2.680	0.035	2.797	0.035	2.854	0.035	2.865
0.040	2.472	0.040	2.737	0.040	2.892	0.040	2.967	0.040	2.980
0.045	2.472	0.045	2.767	0.045	2.968	0.045	3.066	0.045	3.084
0.050	2.472	0.050	2.770	0.050	3.024	0.050	3.150	0.050	3.179
0.055	2.472	0.055	2.770	0.055	3.059	0.055	3.220	0.055	3.263
0.060	2.472	0.060	2.770	0.060	3.075	0.060	3.275	0.060	3.337
0.065	2.472	0.065	2.770	0.065	3.075	0.065	3.316	0.065	3.400
0.070	2.472	0.070	2.770	0.070	3.075	0.070	3.341	0.070	3.454
0.075	2.472	0.075	2.770	0.075	3.075	0.075	3.353	0.075	3.497
0.080	2.472	0.080	2.770	0.080	3.075	0.080	3.353	0.080	3.530
0.085	2.472	0.085	2.770	0.085	3.075	0.085	3.353	0.085	3.553
0.090	2.472	0.090	2.770	0.090	3.075	0.090	3.353	0.090	3.566
0.095	2.472	0.095	2.770	0.095	3.075	0.095	3.353	0.095	3.566
0.100	2.472	0.100	2.770	0.100	3.075	0.100	3.353	0.100	3.566
0.105	2.472	0.105	2.770	0.105	3.075	0.105	3.353	0.105	3.566
0.110	2.472	0.110	2.770	0.110	3.075	0.110	3.353	0.110	3.566
0.115	2.472	0.115	2.770	0.115	3.075	0.115	3.353	0.115	3.566
0.120	2.472	0.120	2.770	0.120	3.075	0.120	3.353	0.120	3.566
0.125	2.472	0.125	2.770	0.125	3.075	0.125	3.353	0.125	3.566
0.130	2.472	0.130	2.770	0.130	3.075	0.130	3.353	0.130	3.566
0.135	2.472	0.135	2.770	0.135	3.075	0.135	3.353	0.135	3.566
0.140	2.472	0.140	2.770	0.140	3.075	0.140	3.353	0.140	3.566

Curve-fitting factors for the factors from K_t -L-curve					
A		B		C	
$A = A1*\ln(t_f)+A2$		$B = B1*L^2+B2*L+B3$		$C = C1*L^2+C2*L+C3$	
A1	483.870	B1	-92.457	C1	2.168
A2	43.562	B2	37.882	C2	-1.117
		B3	48.746	C3	1.668
A	t_f	B	t_f	C	t_f
-735.197	0.2	52.624	0.2	1.531	0.2
-539.004	0.3	51.789	0.3	1.528	0.3
-399.804	0.4	49.106	0.4	1.568	0.4
-291.831	0.5	44.573	0.5	1.651	0.5
-203.611	0.6	38.191	0.6	1.778	0.6

Points where the equations reaches their maximum value	
t_f	L
0.02	0.035
0.03	0.05
0.04	0.06
0.05	0.075
0.06	0.09
Curve-fitting for L_{max}	
$L_{max} = L_{max1}*t_f+L_{max2}$	
L_{max1}	1.35
L_{max2}	0.008
t_f	L
0.02	0.035
0.03	0.0485
0.04	0.062
0.05	0.0755
0.06	0.089

Equation for one-sided stiffener	
$L \leq 1.35*t_f+0.008$	
$K_t = A*L^2+B*L+C$	
$A = 483.87*\ln(t_f)+43.562$	
$B = -92.457*t_f^2+37.882*t_f+48.476$	
$C = 2.168*t_f^2-1.117*t_f+1.668$	
$L > 1.35*t_f+0.008$	
$K_t = A*L_{max}^2+B*L_{max}+C$	
$L_{max} = 1.35*t_f+0.008$	

D2 Double-sided equation

Curve-fitting factors for K_t -L-curve									
$t_f = 0.02$ m		$t_f = 0.03$ m		$t_f = 0.04$ m		$t_f = 0.05$ m		$t_f = 0.06$ m	
$K_t = A^*L^2+B^*L+C$		$K_t = A^*L^2+B^*L+C$		$K_t = A^*L^2+B^*L+C$		$K_t = A^*L^2+B^*L+C$		$K_t = A^*L^2+B^*L+C$	
A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
-559.110	60.574	-336.150	50.911	-225.260	43.516	-158.800	37.945	-119.290	33.775
1.530	1.530	1.600	1.600	1.730	1.730	1.910	1.910	1.990	1.990
L	K_t	L	K_t	L	K_t	L	K_t	L	K_t
0.005	1.819	0.005	1.846	0.005	1.942	0.005	2.096	0.005	2.156
0.010	2.080	0.010	2.075	0.010	2.143	0.010	2.274	0.010	2.316
0.015	2.313	0.015	2.288	0.015	2.332	0.015	2.443	0.015	2.470
0.020	2.518	0.020	2.484	0.020	2.510	0.020	2.605	0.020	2.618
0.025	2.695	0.025	2.663	0.025	2.677	0.025	2.759	0.025	2.760
0.030	2.844	0.030	2.825	0.030	2.833	0.030	2.905	0.030	2.896
0.035	2.965	0.035	2.970	0.035	2.977	0.035	3.044	0.035	3.026
0.040	3.058	0.040	3.099	0.040	3.110	0.040	3.174	0.040	3.150
0.045	3.124	0.045	3.210	0.045	3.232	0.045	3.296	0.045	3.268
0.050	3.161	0.050	3.305	0.050	3.343	0.050	3.410	0.050	3.381
0.055	3.170	0.055	3.383	0.055	3.442	0.055	3.517	0.055	3.487
0.060	3.170	0.060	3.445	0.060	3.530	0.060	3.615	0.060	3.587
0.065	3.170	0.065	3.489	0.065	3.607	0.065	3.705	0.065	3.681
0.070	3.170	0.070	3.517	0.070	3.672	0.070	3.788	0.070	3.770
0.075	3.170	0.075	3.527	0.075	3.727	0.075	3.863	0.075	3.852
0.080	3.170	0.080	3.527	0.080	3.770	0.080	3.929	0.080	3.929
0.085	3.170	0.085	3.527	0.085	3.801	0.085	3.988	0.085	3.999
0.090	3.170	0.090	3.527	0.090	3.822	0.090	4.039	0.090	4.064
0.095	3.170	0.095	3.527	0.095	3.831	0.095	4.082	0.095	4.122
0.100	3.170	0.100	3.527	0.100	3.831	0.100	4.117	0.100	4.175
0.105	3.170	0.105	3.527	0.105	3.831	0.105	4.143	0.105	4.221
0.110	3.170	0.110	3.527	0.110	3.831	0.110	4.162	0.110	4.262
0.115	3.170	0.115	3.527	0.115	3.831	0.115	4.174	0.115	4.297
0.120	3.170	0.120	3.527	0.120	3.831	0.120	4.177	0.120	4.325
0.125	3.170	0.125	3.527	0.125	3.831	0.125	4.177	0.125	4.348
0.130	3.170	0.130	3.527	0.130	3.831	0.130	4.177	0.130	4.365
0.135	3.170	0.135	3.527	0.135	3.831	0.135	4.177	0.135	4.376
0.140	3.170	0.140	3.527	0.140	3.831	0.140	4.177	0.140	4.380
0.145	3.170	0.145	3.527	0.145	3.831	0.145	4.177	0.145	4.380
0.150	3.170	0.150	3.527	0.150	3.831	0.150	4.177	0.150	4.380

Curve-fitting factors for the factors from K_t -L-curve					
A		B		C	
$A = A1*L^3 + A2*L^2 + A3*L + A4$		$B = B1*\ln(tf) + B2$		$C = C1*L^3 + C2*L^2 + C3*L + C4$	
A1	7093	B1	-24.6	C1	-13.33
A2	-11450	B2	21.1	C2	16.50
A3	6571			C3	-5.12
A4	-1471			C4	2
A	t_f	B	t_f	C	t_f
-558.034	0.2	60.692	0.2	1.529	0.2
-338.651	0.3	50.718	0.3	1.589	0.3
-220.589	0.4	43.641	0.4	1.739	0.4
-161.288	0.5	38.151	0.5	1.899	0.5
-118.187	0.6	33.666	0.6	1.989	0.6

Points where the equations reaches their maximum value	
t_f	L
0.02	0.055
0.03	0.075
0.04	0.095
0.05	0.120
0.06	0.140
Curve-fitting for L_{max}	
$L_{max} = L_{max1}*t_f + L_{max2}$	
L_{max1}	2.15
L_{max2}	0.011
t_f	L
0.02	0.054
0.03	0.0755
0.04	0.097
0.05	0.1185
0.06	0.14

Equation for double-sided stiffener	
$L \leq 2.15*t_f + 0.011$	
$K_t = A*L^2 + B*L + C$	
$A = 7093*L^3 - 11450*L^2 + 6571*L - 1471.4$	
$B = -24.6*\ln(tf) + 21.1$	
$C = -13.33*L^3 + 16.5*L^2 - 5.12*L + 2$	
$L > 2.15*t_f + 0.011$	
$K_t = A*L_{max}^2 + B*L_{max} + C$	
$L_{max} = 2.15*t_f + 0.011$	

Curve-fitting factors for K_t-L-curve	
Factor 1	1
Factor 2	6.45
$K_t = \text{Factor 1} * \ln(L) + \text{Factor 2}$	
L	K_t
0.005	1.1517
0.01	1.8448
0.015	2.2503
0.02	2.5380
0.025	2.7611
0.03	2.9434
0.035	3.0976
0.04	3.2311
0.045	3.3489
0.05	3.4543
0.055	3.5496
0.06	3.6366
0.065	3.7166
0.07	3.7907
0.075	3.8597
0.08	3.9243
0.085	3.9849
0.09	4.0421
0.095	4.0961
0.1	4.1474
0.105	4.1962
0.11	4.2427
0.115	4.2872
0.12	4.3297
0.125	4.3706
0.13	4.4098
0.135	4.4475
0.14	4.4839