

Determination of bearing stress equivalent width

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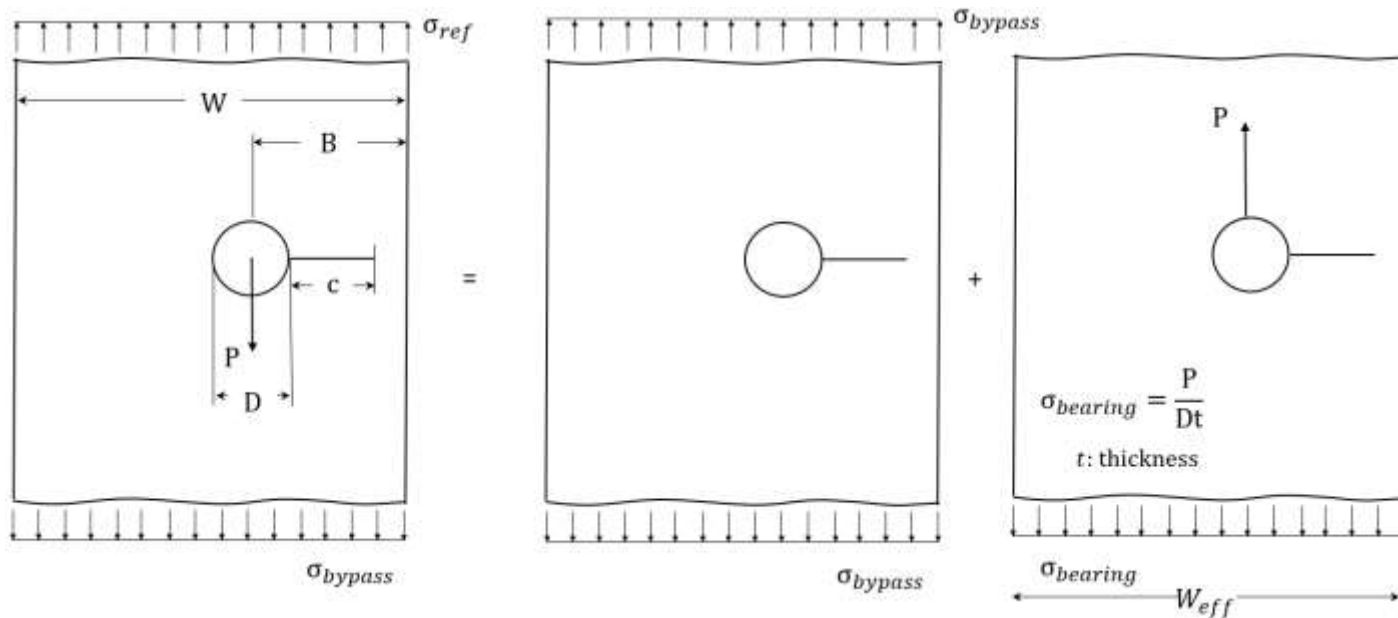
Background

- SIF calculation with combined tensile and bearing loading

$$K_I = \beta_{total} \sigma_{ref} \sqrt{\pi c}$$

$$ASF = \frac{\sigma_{bypass}}{\sigma_{ref}} \qquad BSF = \frac{\sigma_{bearing}}{\sigma_{ref}}$$

$$\beta_{total} = \beta_{tension} ASF + \beta_{bearing} BSF$$



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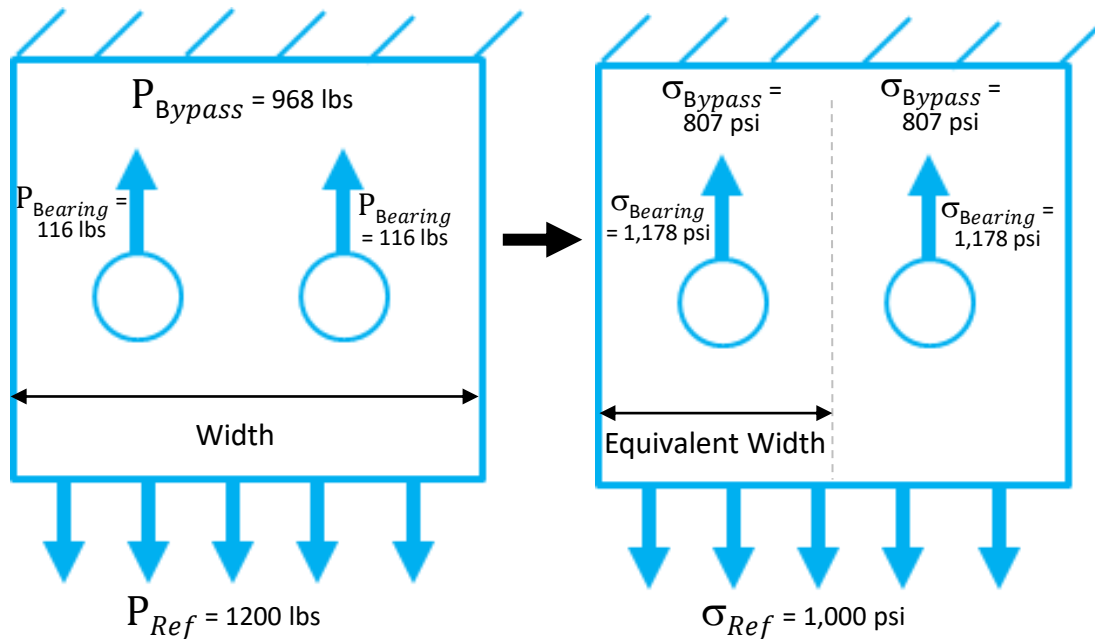
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$$ASF = \frac{\sigma_{bypass}}{\sigma_{ref}}$$

$$BSF = \frac{\sigma_{bearing}}{\sigma_{ref}}$$

$$ASF = 1 - BSF(D/W_{eff})$$

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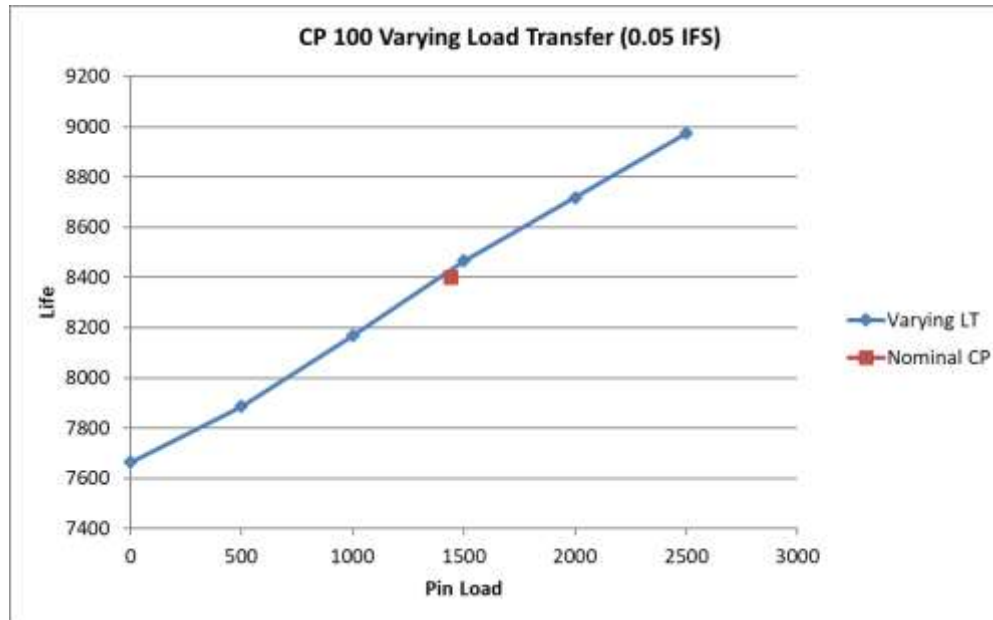


$$ASF = \frac{\sigma_{Bypass}}{\sigma_{Ref} \text{ (Far field)}} = \frac{807 \text{ psi}}{1,000 \text{ psi}} = .807$$

$$BSF = \frac{\sigma_{Bearing}}{\sigma_{Ref} \text{ (Far field)}} = \frac{1,178 \text{ psi}}{1,000 \text{ psi}} = 1.178$$

Background

- Counterintuitive results found for some geometries
 - Increasing load transfer led to increased life



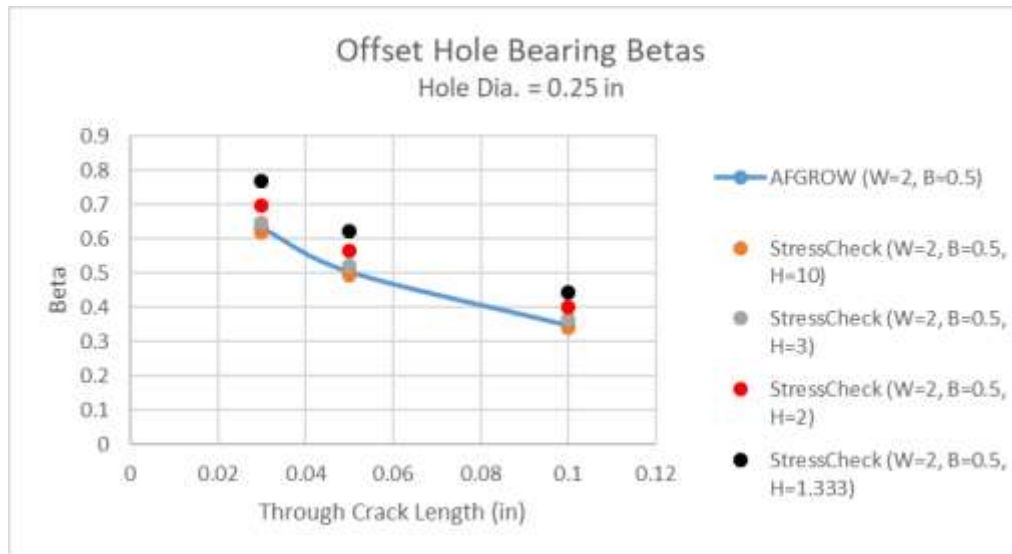
- Unexpected because increased concentration of stress near crack should cause a net increase in short crack SIFs

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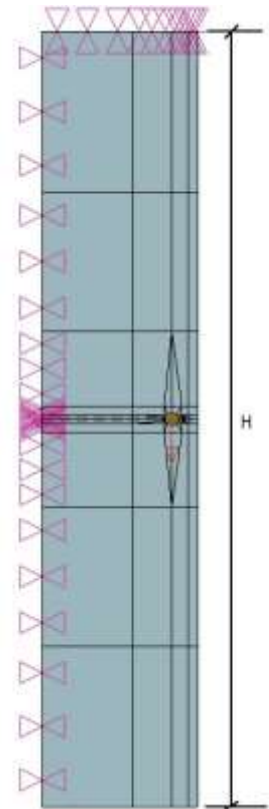
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Further study

- Harter 2017: Focused on finite width/offset hole corrections

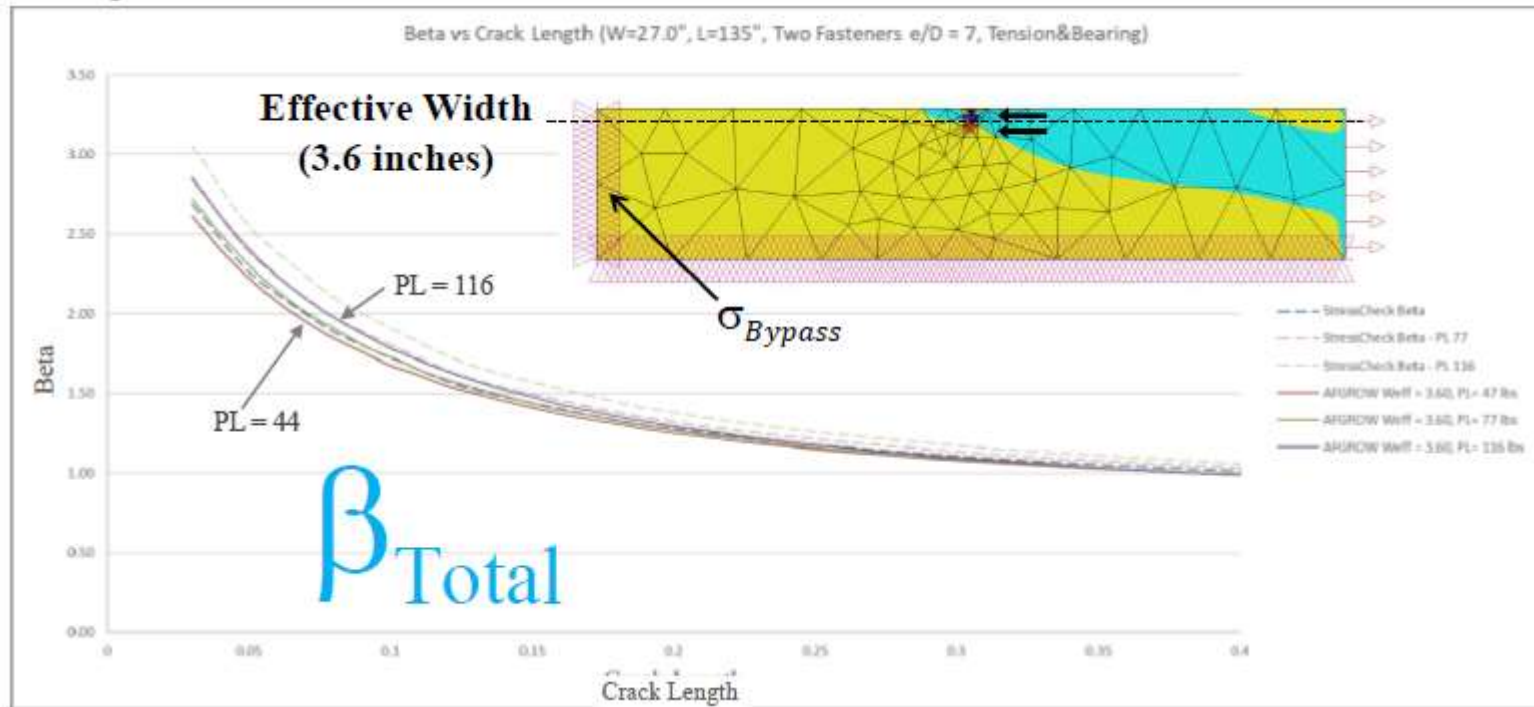


- “When modeling wide/offset plates with combined loads, it is... recommended to adjust the panel width so that the hole is not more than $6D$ from either edge.”



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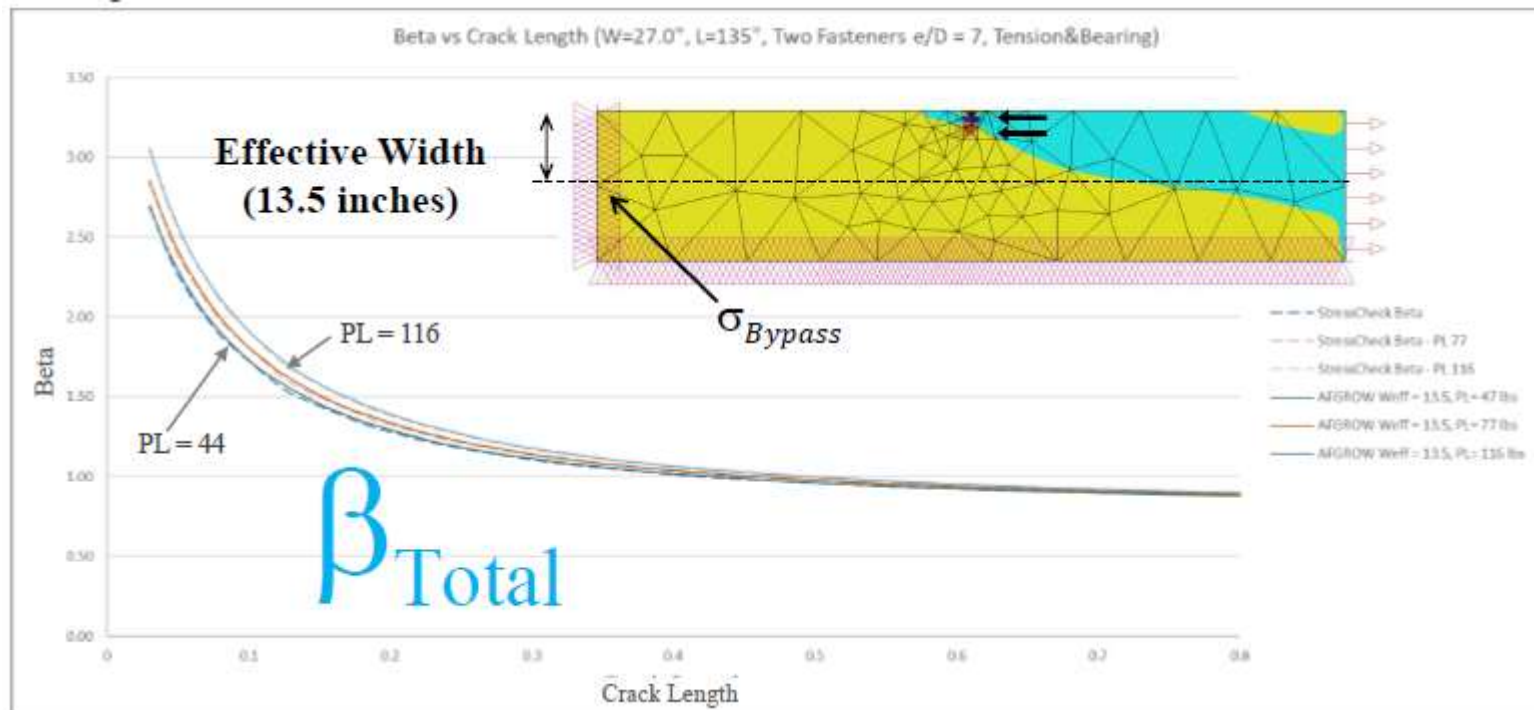
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- Mismatch found when using effective width from analysis ground rules

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- Recommendation: Investigate more geometries and loading combinations

Calculation of effective widths

■ Solution space

$$BSF = \sigma_{bearing} / \sigma_{ref} = [0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 4, 8, 15, 20]$$

$$D/2B = [0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.3]$$

$$c/(B-D/2) = [0.05, 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.9, 0.95]$$

Single fastener geometries:

$$B/W = [0.25, 0.35, 0.5]$$

Double fastener geometries:

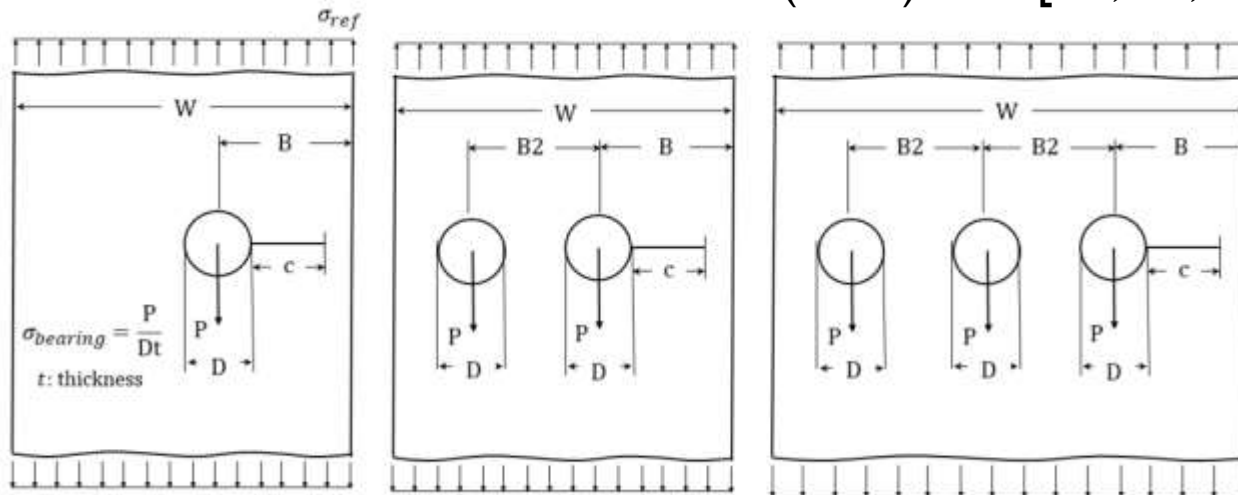
$$B2/D = [2, 4, 8]$$

$$(B+0.5 B2)/W = [0.1, 0.3, 0.5]$$

Triple fastener geometries:

$$B2/D = [2, 4, 8]$$

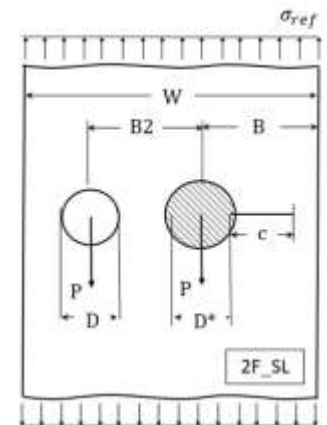
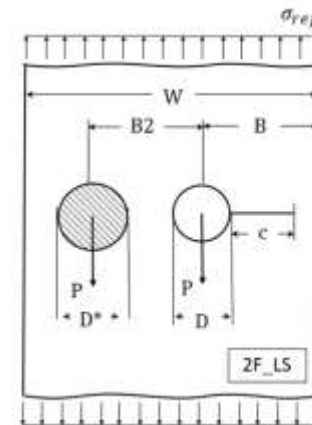
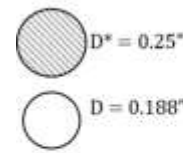
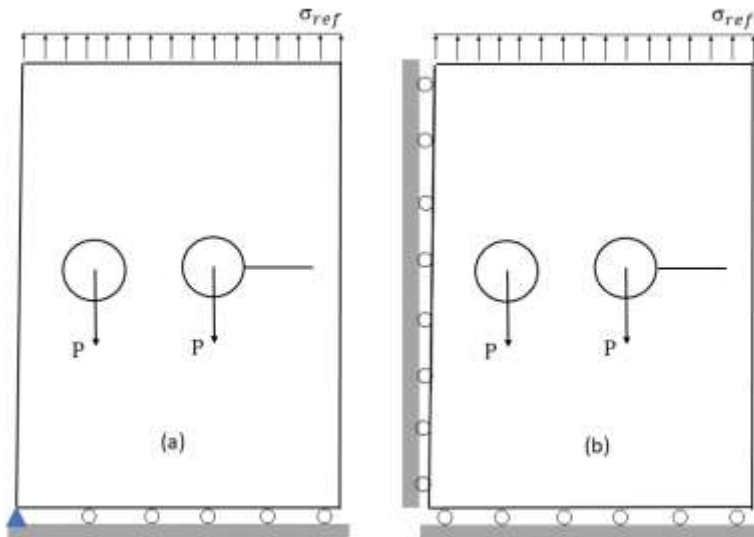
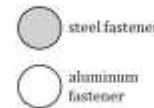
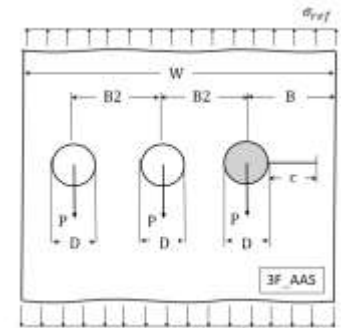
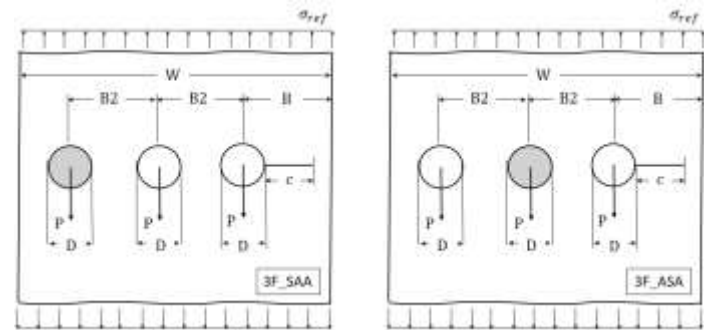
$$(B+B2)/W = [0.1, 0.3, 0.5]$$



Calculation of effective widths

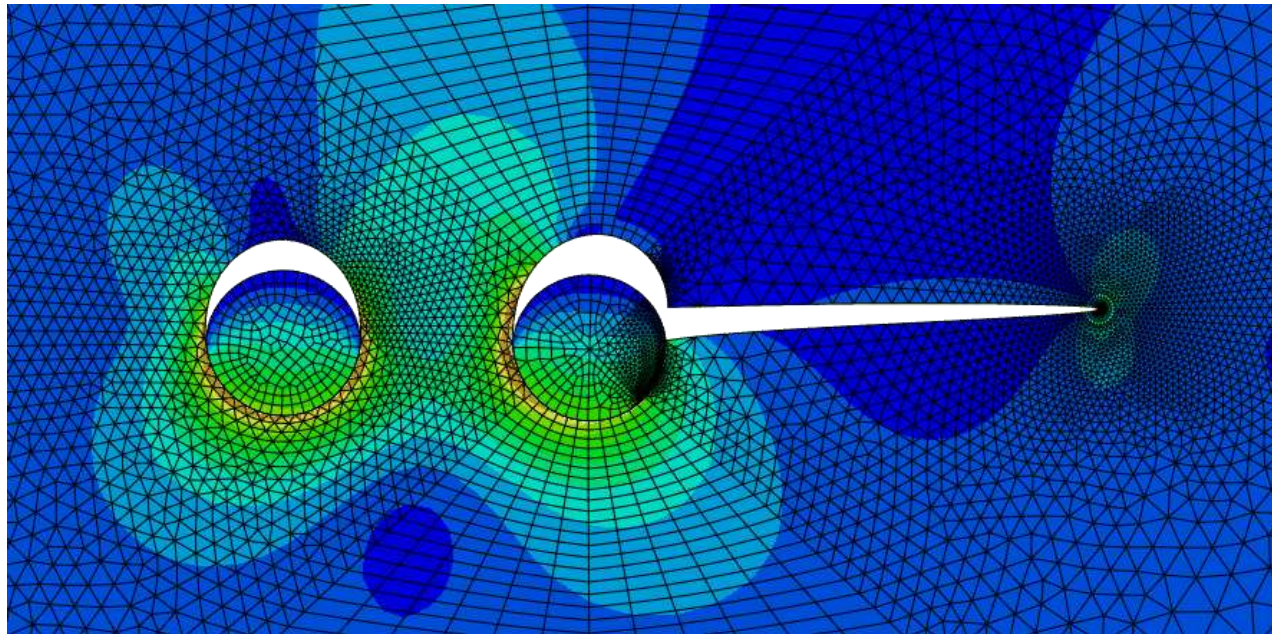
■ Configurations

- Models with no bending restraint
 - Identical fasteners
- Models with bending restraint
 - Identical fasteners
 - Fastener stiffnesses varied
 - Fastener diameters varied



Calculation of effective widths

- ABAQUS model details
 - Quadratic elements with refined crack tip and fastener regions
 - SIFs extracted using contour integrals
 - Contact surface with friction coefficient = 0.3
 - Height/width = 6



Calculation of effective widths

- Calculation procedure

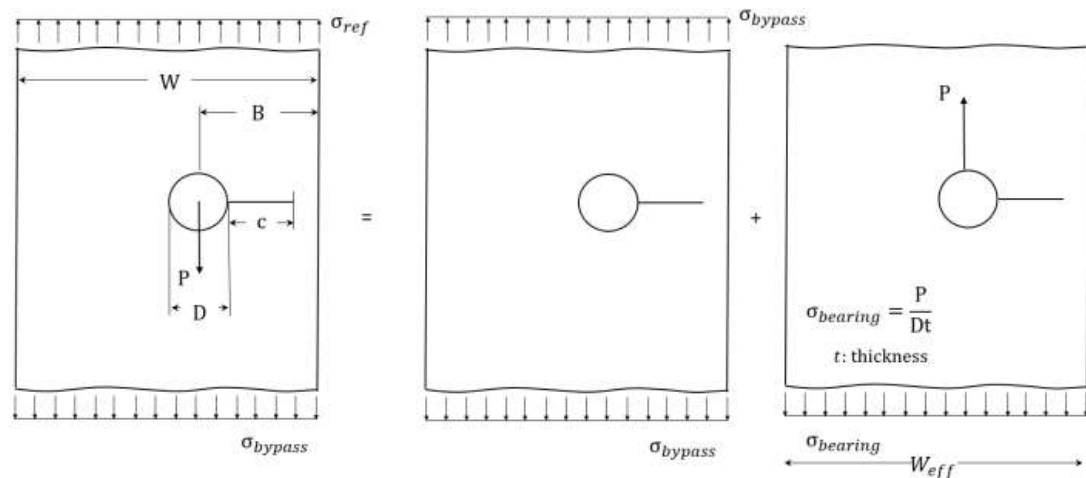
- Three models run for each geometry:

- Tension only to find $\beta_{tension}$
- Bearing only to find $\beta_{bearing}$
- Combined loading to find β_{total}

- BSF calculated from bearing load and geometry

$$ASF = \frac{\beta_{total} - \beta_{bearing} BSF}{\beta_{tension}}$$

$$W_{eff} = \frac{D * BSF}{1 - ASF}$$



Calculation of effective widths

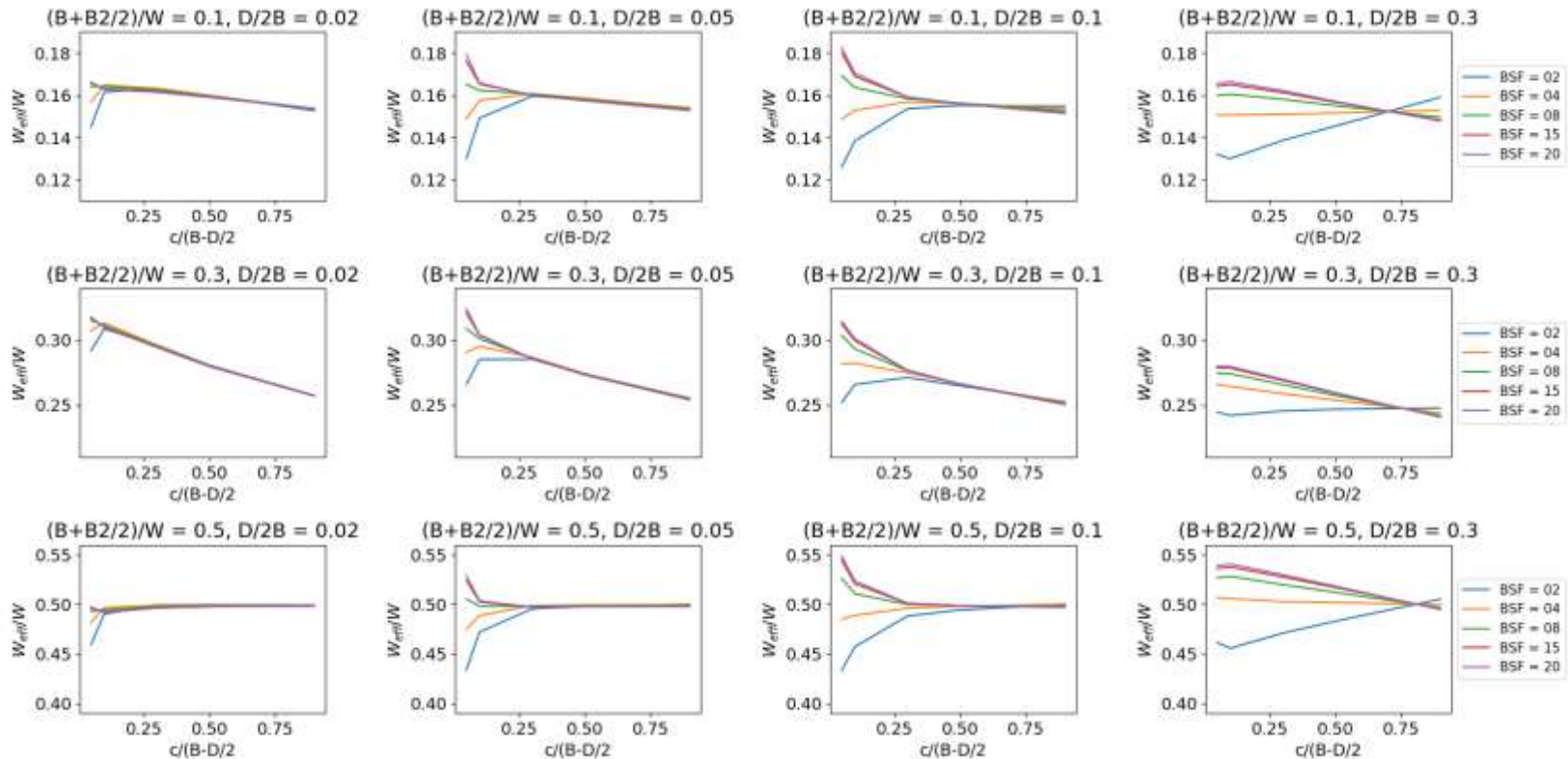
- Results: Models with no bending restraint
 - Increasing D : W_{eff}/W increases
 - Increasing BSF: W_{eff}/W increases
 - Increasing offset: W_{eff}/W decreases
 - For offset holes, increasing fastener pitch: W_{eff}/W increases
 - Increasing c
 - With low BSF, W_{eff}/W initially increases, then decreases
 - With higher BSF, W_{eff}/W always decreases
 - For centered holes, W_{eff}/W stays constant
 - W_{eff}/W is very sensitive to BSF for short cracks
- Results heavily influenced by in-plane bending

Calculation of effective widths

Results: Models with no bending restraint

Increasing diameter 

Increasing offset 



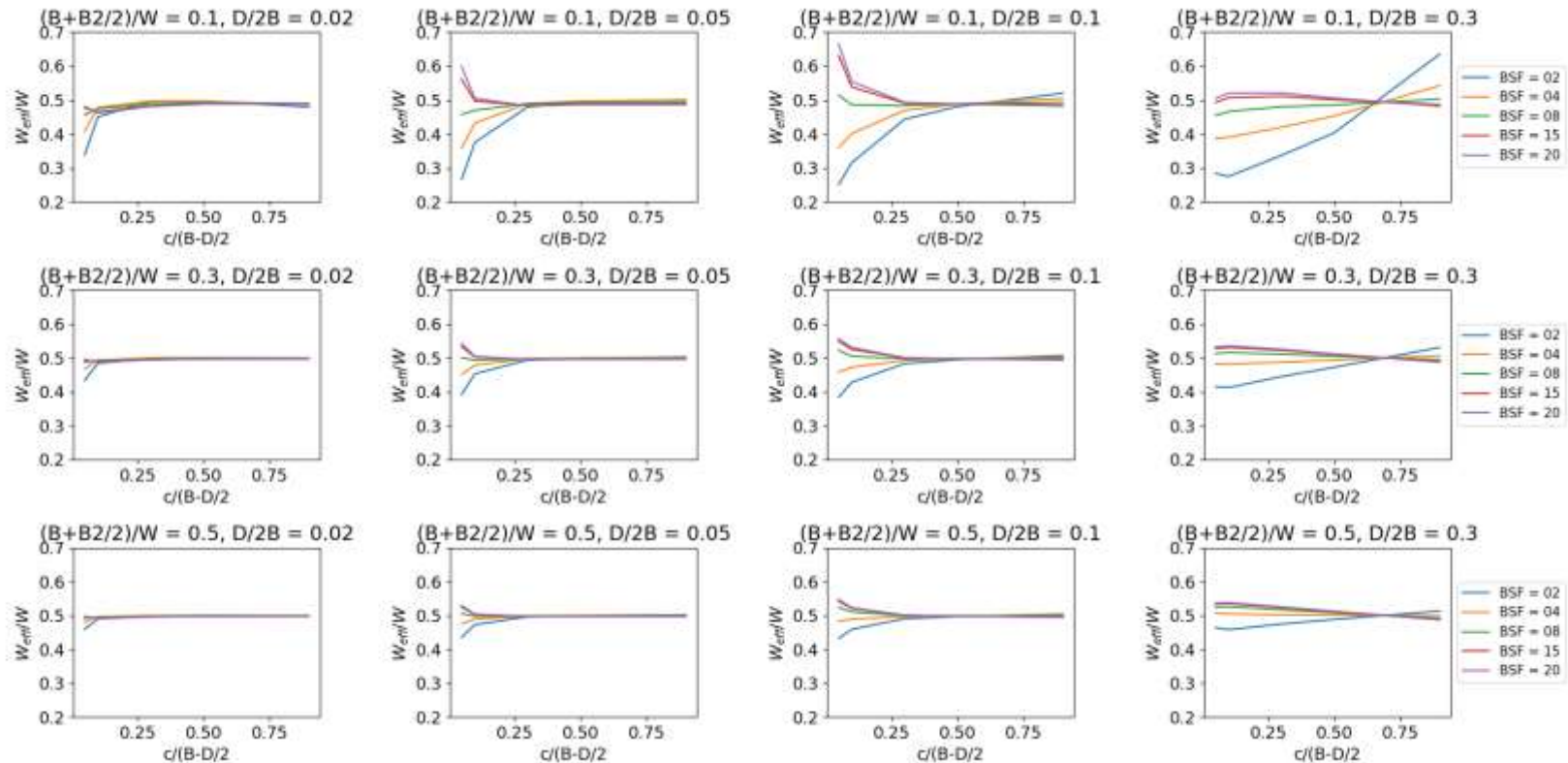
All examples shown: 2 fasteners, fastener pitch = 4D

Calculation of effective widths

Results: Models with bending restraint

Increasing diameter \longrightarrow

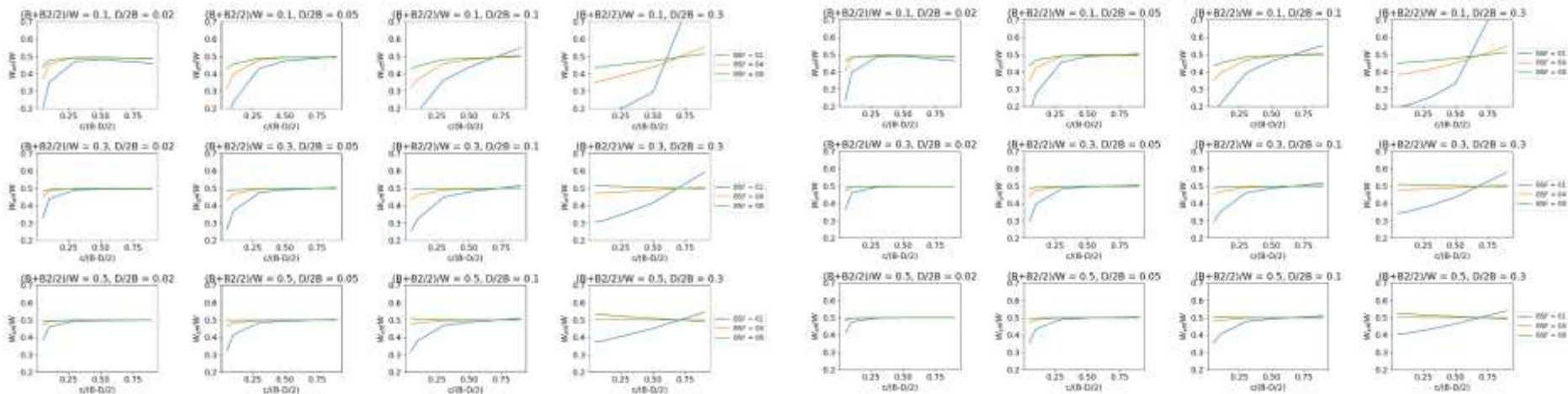
Increasing offset \uparrow



$$W_{eff}/W = \frac{1}{\text{no of fasteners}}$$

Calculation of effective widths

Results: Varying fastener stiffness



Crack at aluminum fastener

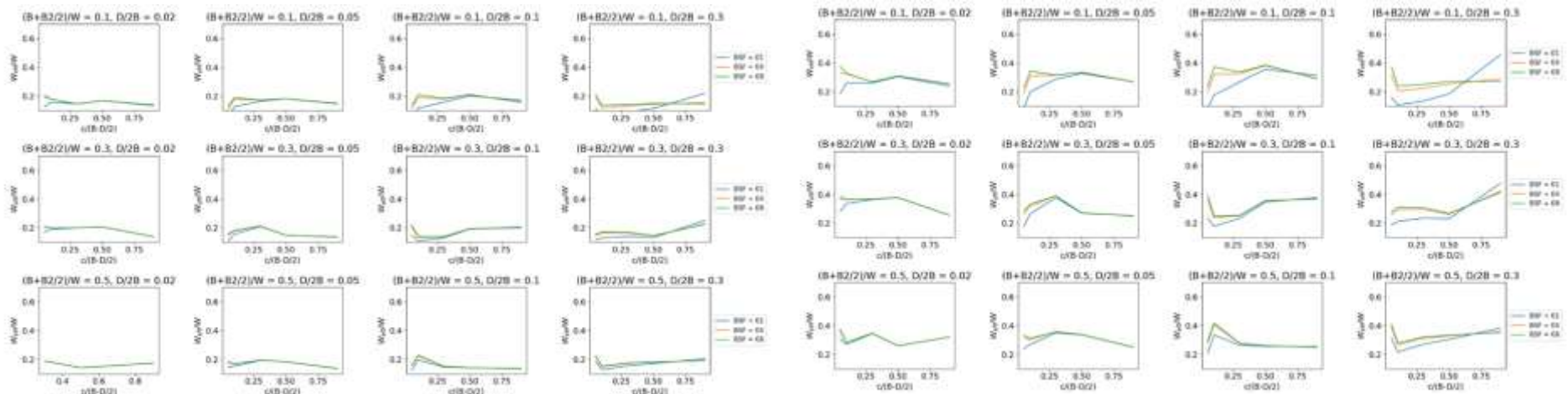
Crack at steel fastener

- Variability at small c , large offset, large D , and low BSF
- Placement of stiffer fastener has limited impact

$$W_{eff}/W = \frac{1}{\text{no of fasteners}}$$

Calculation of effective widths

Results: Varying fastener diameters (two fasteners)



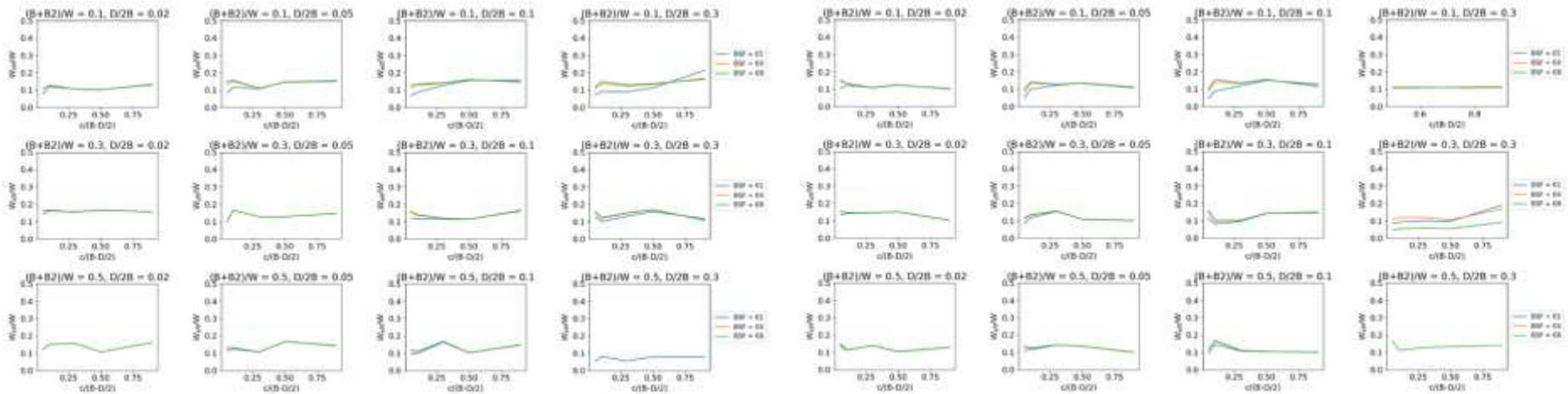
Crack at smaller fastener (0.188")

Crack at larger fastener (0.250")

- Clear impact of bending effects as larger fastener pulls more load, reducing W_{eff} , especially when crack is growing from smaller fastener

Calculation of effective widths

- Results: Varying fastener diameters (three fasteners)



Large fastener farthest from crack

Large fastener in middle

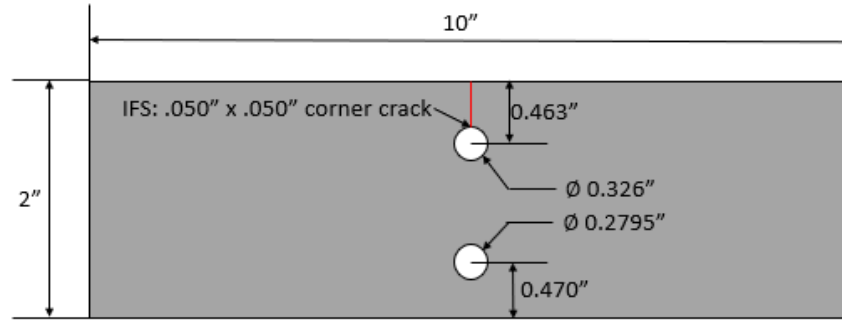
- Assuming $W_{eff}/W = \frac{1}{no\ of\ fasteners}$ should always be conservative

Remaining questions

- Refinement of recommendations for fastener rows with different size fasteners
 - Results don't lead to clear recommendation
- Investigation of non-flat geometries
 - Is it still valid to assume $W_{eff}/W = \frac{1}{no\ of\ fasteners}$?
- Why do we still see lower betas for higher pin loading in some geometries?
 - Not entirely caused by effective width assumption

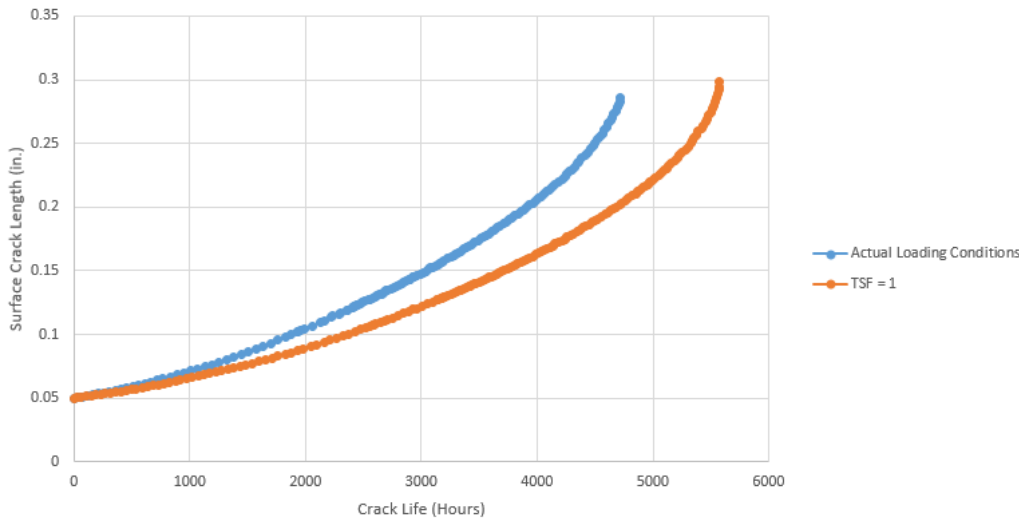
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- Lower betas for higher pin loading?

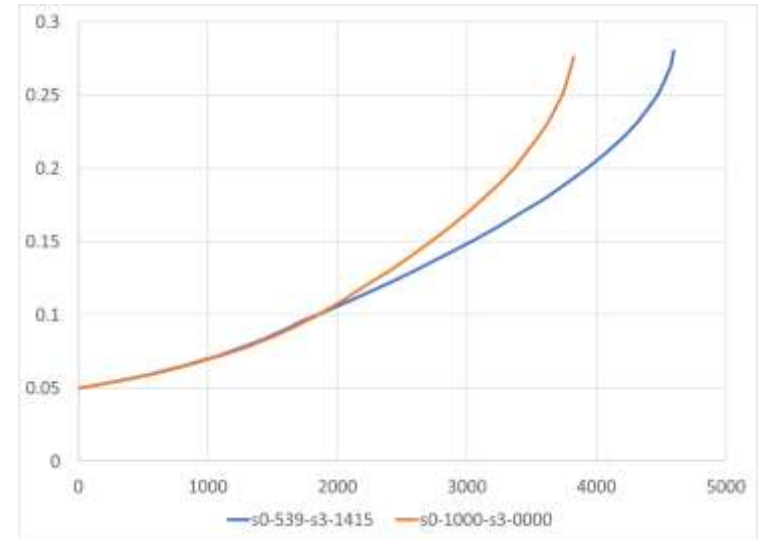


BAMpF analysis by Connor Hood (USAF)

BAMpF Models Crack Life Comparison

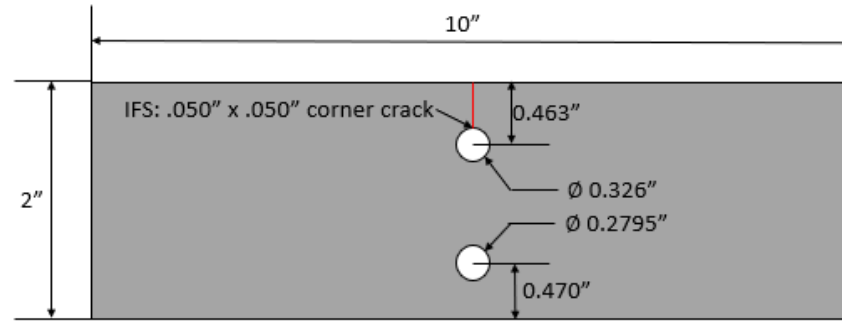


AFGROW analysis



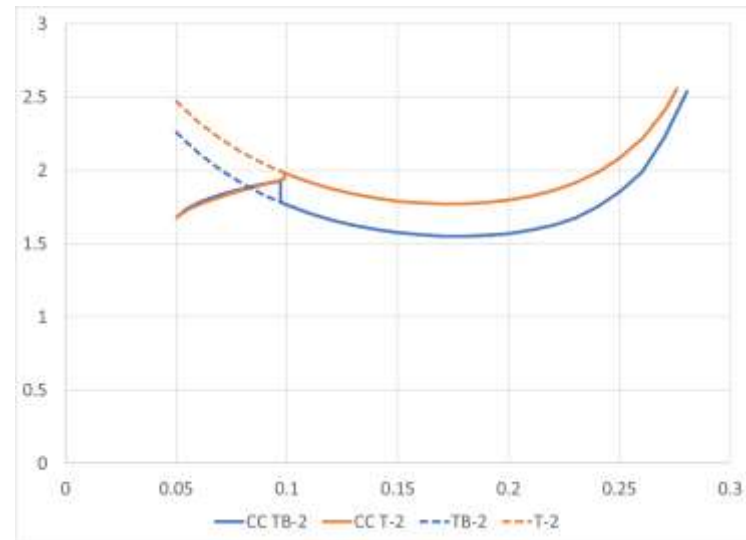
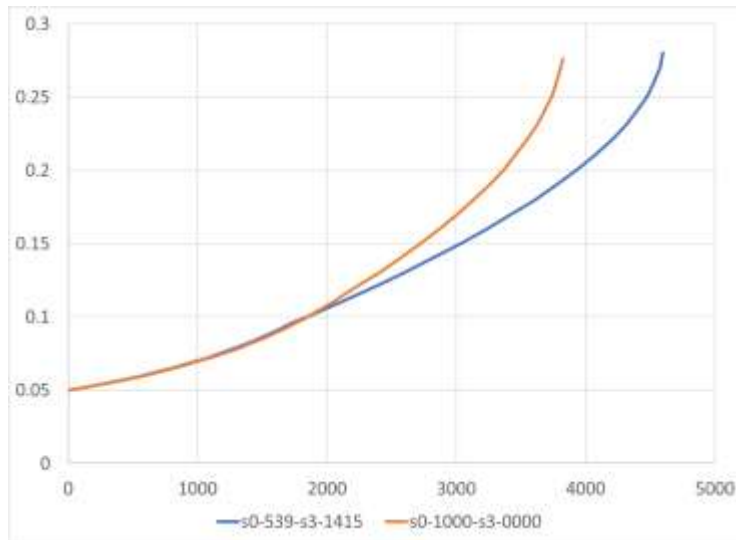
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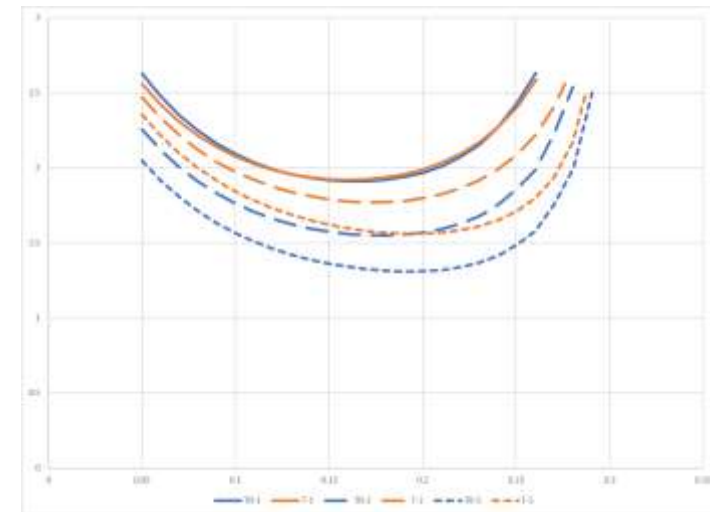
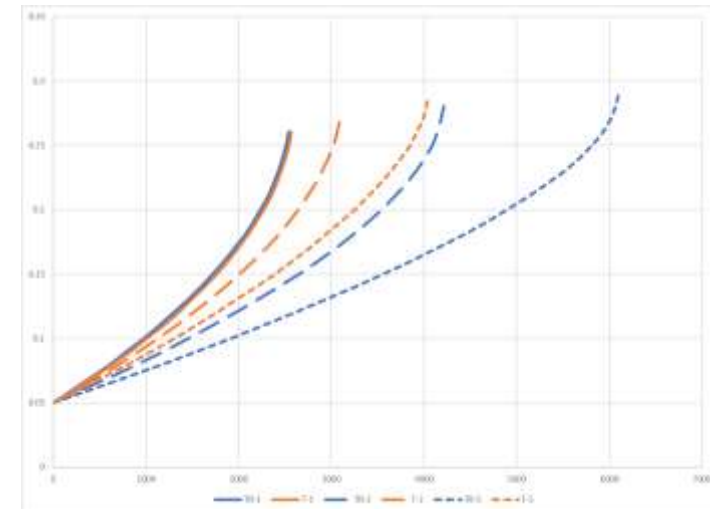
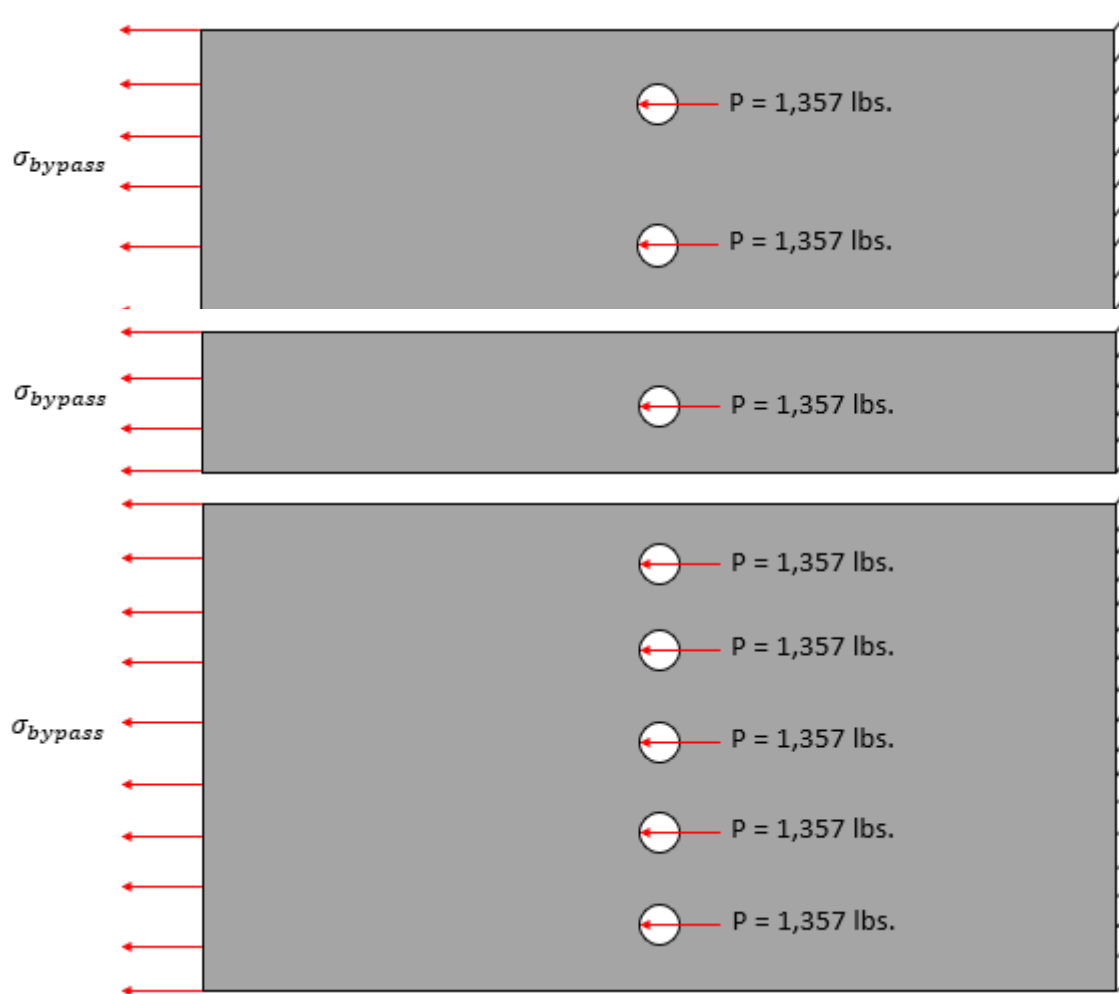
Life

Beta



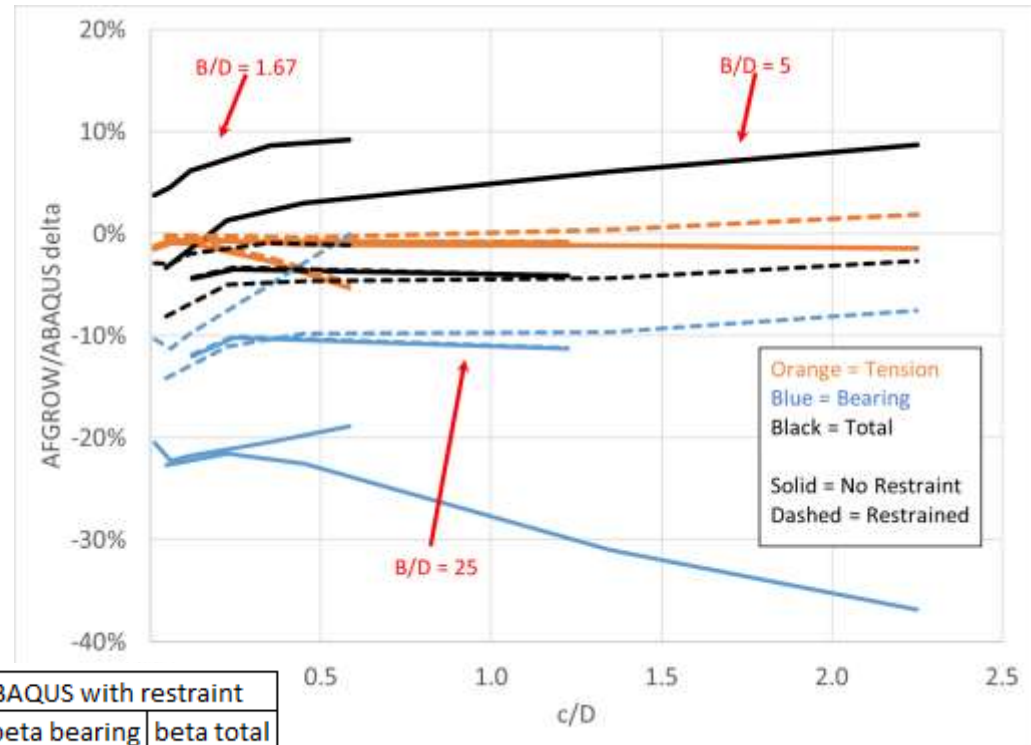
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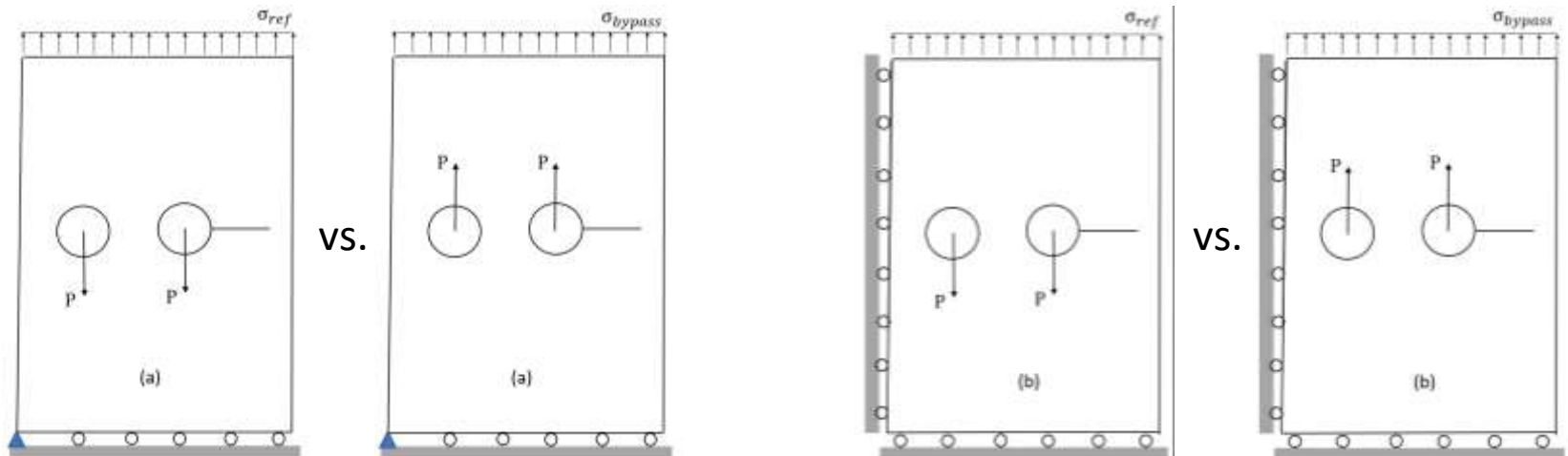
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 - AFGROW/ABAQUS betas compared for a mix of geometries
 - 1, 2, and 3 fasteners
 - Varying edge distances
 - Small to large cracks



Fasteners	AFGROW/ABAQUS no restraint			AFGROW/ABAQUS with restraint		
	beta tension	beta bearing	beta total	beta tension	beta bearing	beta total
1	0.1%	-10.3%	8.2%	0.8%	2.2%	3.2%
2	-3.0%	-27.6%	-1.4%	-2.3%	-16.4%	-8.1%
3	-1.2%	-24.9%	1.6%	-0.8%	-13.8%	-5.7%

Remaining questions

- Lower betas for higher pin loading?
 - AFGROW/ABAQUS betas compared for a mix of geometries
 - $\beta_{tension}$ compare well
 - $\beta_{bearing}$ low, but explainable
 - Single vs. multiple fastener loading
 - ASF and W_{eff} assumptions bring β_{total} close to ABAQUS calculations
 - Modeling decisions lead to differences that muddy superposition assumptions



Conclusions and summary

- For most configurations, $W_{eff} = \frac{W}{no\ of\ fasteners}$
- Guidance for fastener rows with different size fasteners can be refined
- Non-flat geometries still need investigation
 - Bending restraint will have large impact
- Lower betas for higher pin loading?
 - Current assumptions of causes:
 1. Differences in offset hole correction for tension vs. bearing
 - More offset -> lower $\beta_{tension} / \beta_{total}$
 2. Restraint assumptions in model development
 3. $\beta_{tension}$ conservatively assumes open hole, and increasing pin loading reduces this conservatism