



CAStLE Continued K-Solutions Support

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Overview



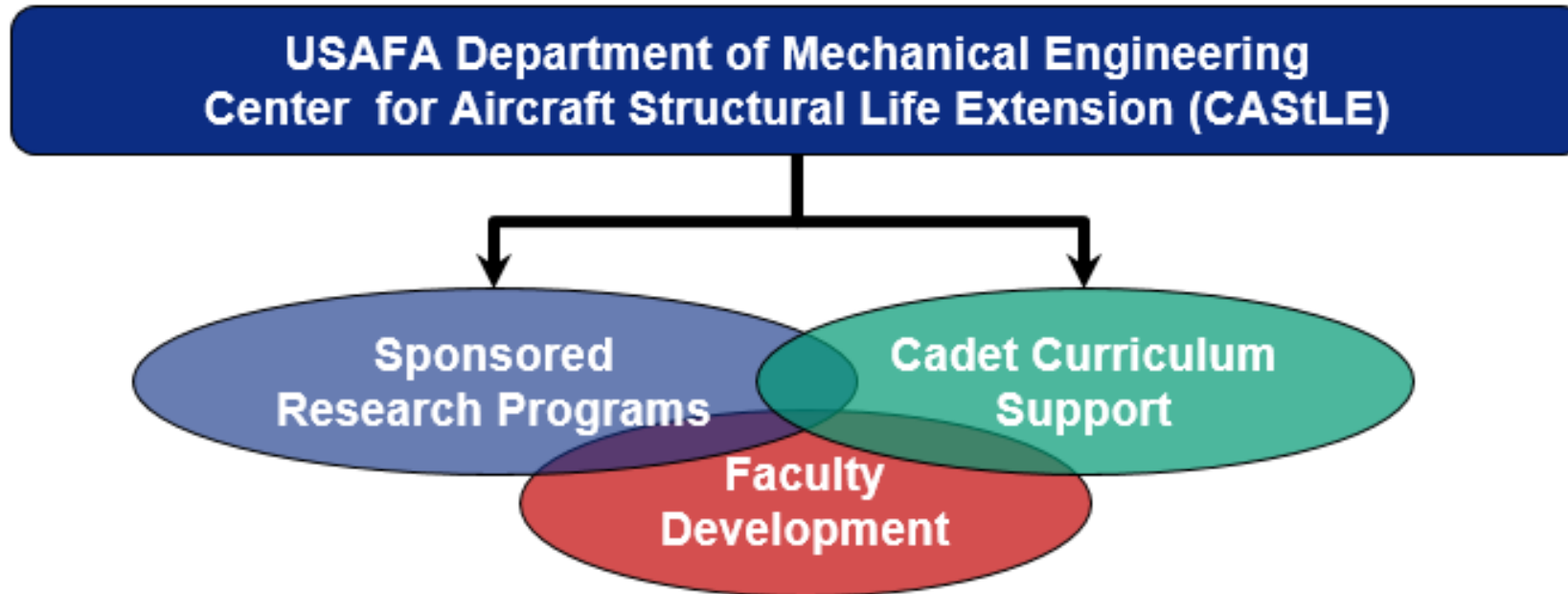
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- **CAStLE**
- **Stress Intensity Factor Solution Milestones**
- **Related Research Activities**



CASTLE's Mission

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- Efficiently execute sponsored research programs focused on delivered structural sustainment S&T solutions and products
- Provide world-class laboratory support to cadet engineering curriculum
- Integrate operationally relevant research into cadet curriculum and faculty development



Research Task Personnel



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- **Government—externally (soft money) funded**
 - **Strategic planning, tactical operations & contracting**
 - **Technical direction of all programs**
 - **Projects sometimes supplemented by faculty/cadets**
- **On-site (USAF Academy) contractors**
 - **Project technical expertise**
 - **Maintain the core competencies**
 - **Technical advice to cadets and faculty**
- **Off-site contractors and locations**
 - **Provide specialized capability that may not yet be economically efficient to have in-house (at USAFA)**
 - **Supplement labor capacity in large scale, CAStLE developed, processes**

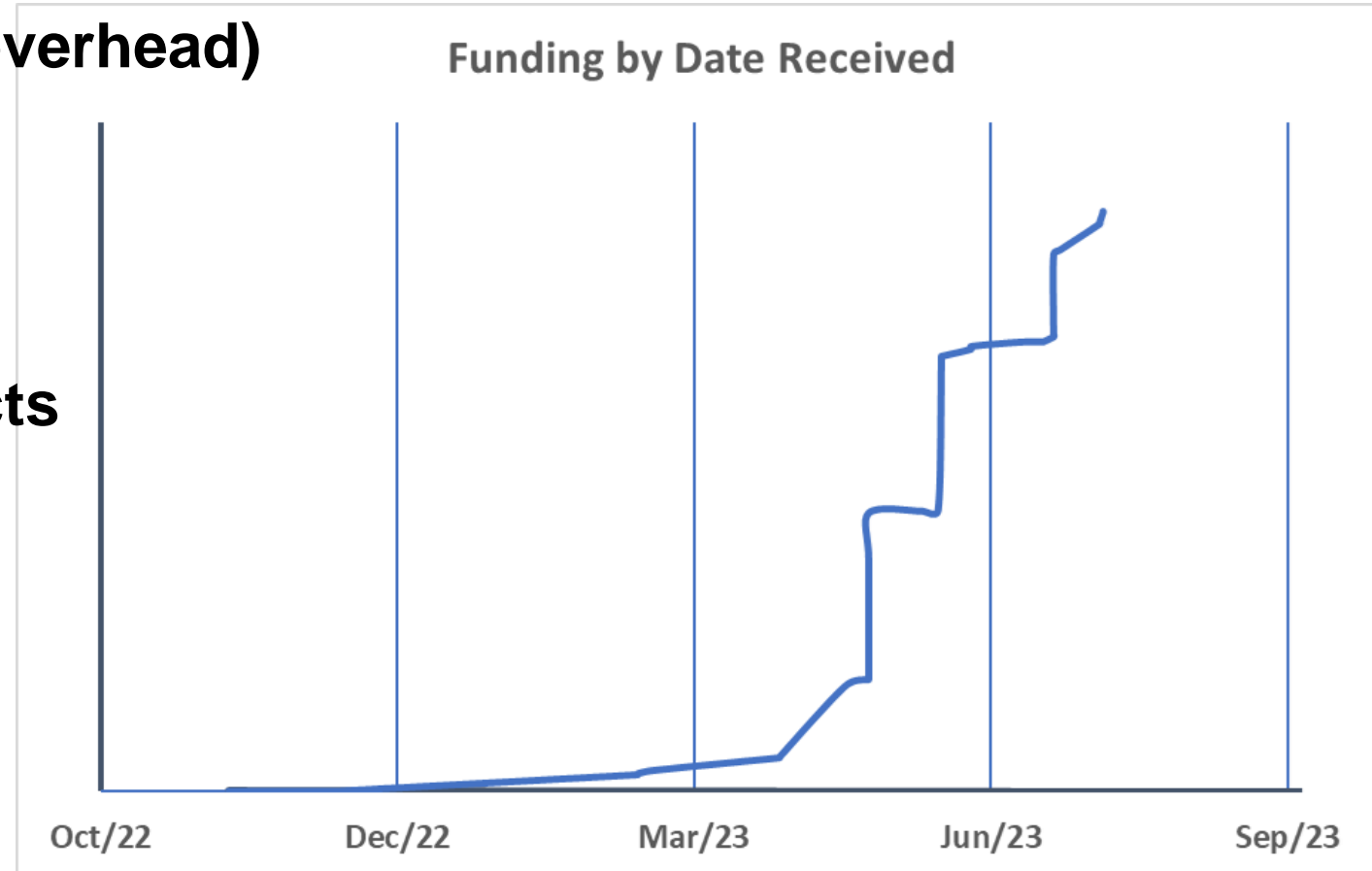


Funding



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- **External Funding**
 - **Direct Cite**
 - **Customer support contracts**
 - **Reimbursable (Institutional overhead)**
 - **CAStLE Civ Pay**
 - **Cadet curricular support**
 - **Travel requirements**
 - **CAStLE (unfunded) projects**
 - **Dean's unfunded projects**





CAStLE Unfunded Project Example

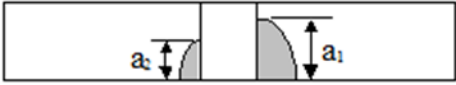
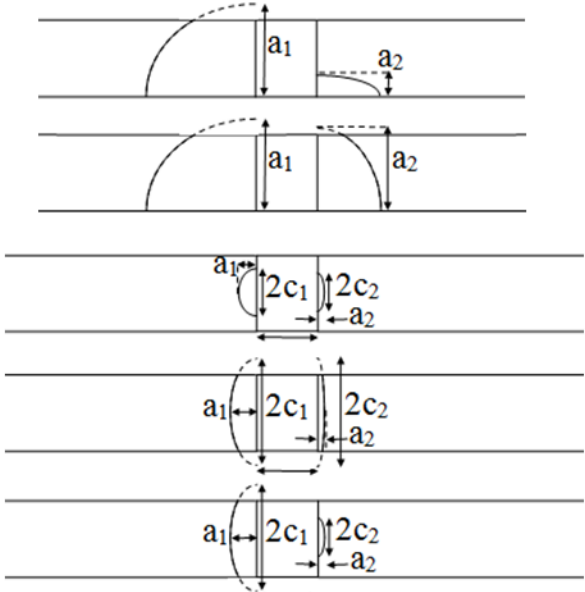
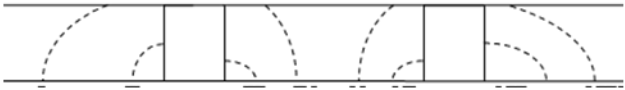
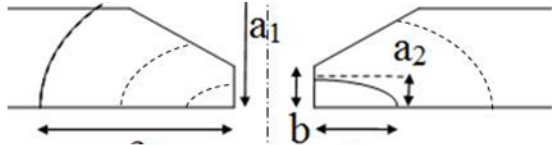
CONTINUED STRESS INTENSITY FACTOR SOLUTION SUPPORT



Milestones



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	Crack Scenario	Note	$K_I(\phi)$ -functions	Year
M1		$W/R=200$	5M	2005
M2		$W/R=200$	88M	2014-2017
M3			2000M	2010
M4		$W/R=2.-40.$ $H/W=1.0$ $b/t=0.5$	35M	2019



Milestones



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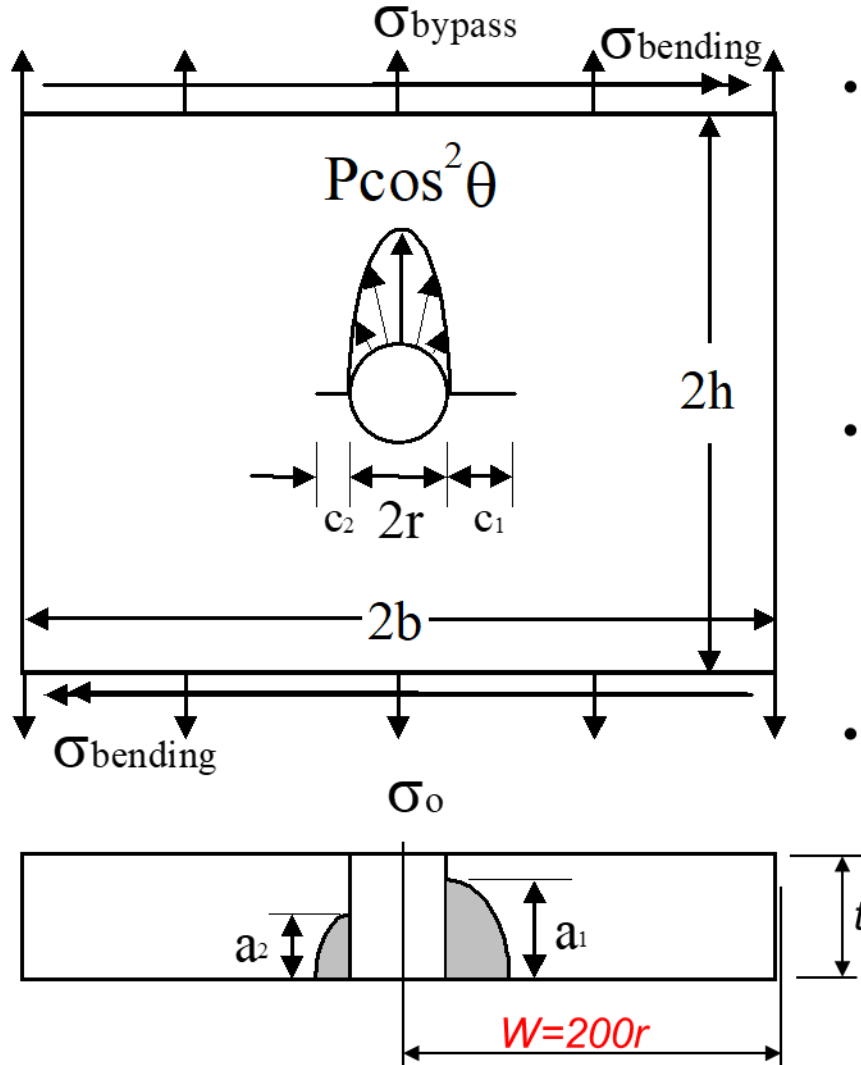
	Crack Scenario	Note	$K_I(\phi)$ -functions	Year
M5		$W/R=2.-40.$ $H/W=3.0$ $b/t=0.050$	130M	2023
M6		$W/R=2.-100.$ $H/W=5.0$	0.26M	2023
	Location of stress points	Note	Solutions	
M7		$W/R=10$ $0.$	18k	2022
		$W/R=10$ $0.$	18k	
		$W/R=2.-40.$ $H/W=1.0$ $b/t=0.50$	32k	



Milestone 1: 2002/03 (Fawaz and Anderson), 4.9M solutions



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Geometry

- Centrally Located Straight Shank Hole
- $0.1 \leq r/t \leq 10.0$ **26 values**
 - 0.1, 0.111, 0.125, 0.1428, 0.1667, 0.2, 0.25, 0.333, 0.5, 0.667, 0.75, 0.8, 1.0, 1.25, 1.333, 1.5, 1.667, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
- Finite Width/Height Plate
 - $r/h = 0.0025$
 - $r/b = 0.0025$

Crack Shapes

- $0.1 \leq a/c \leq 10.0$ **25 values**
 - 0.1, 0.111, 0.125, 0.1428, 0.1667, 0.2, 0.25, 0.333, 0.5, 0.667, 0.75, 0.8, 1.0, 1.25, 1.333, 1.5, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0
- $0.1 \leq a/t \leq 0.99$ **10 values**
 - 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 0.95, 0.99

Load Conditions

- Tension
- Bending*
- Pin Loading (Bearing) **3 cases**

$$2 \times 3 \times 26 \times (25 \times 10)^2 = 9.8M$$

Remark: Solutions are valid for very wide plates. Accurate FW-correction needed.

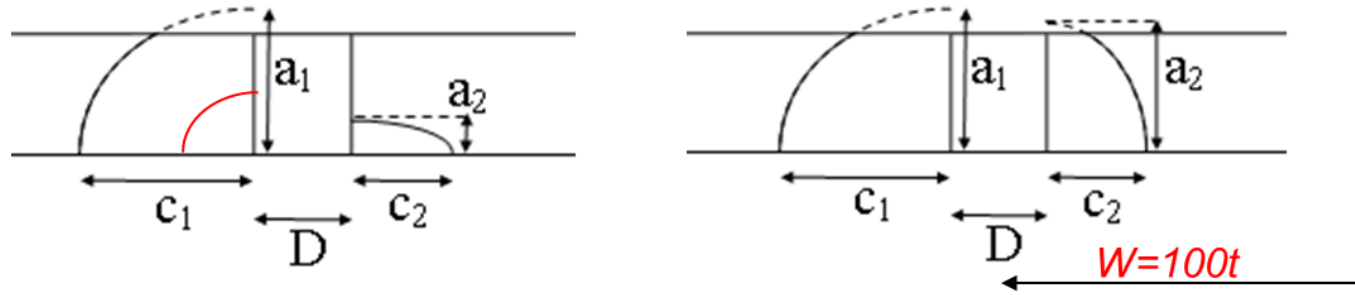


Milestone 2: 2014/17, 88M solutions

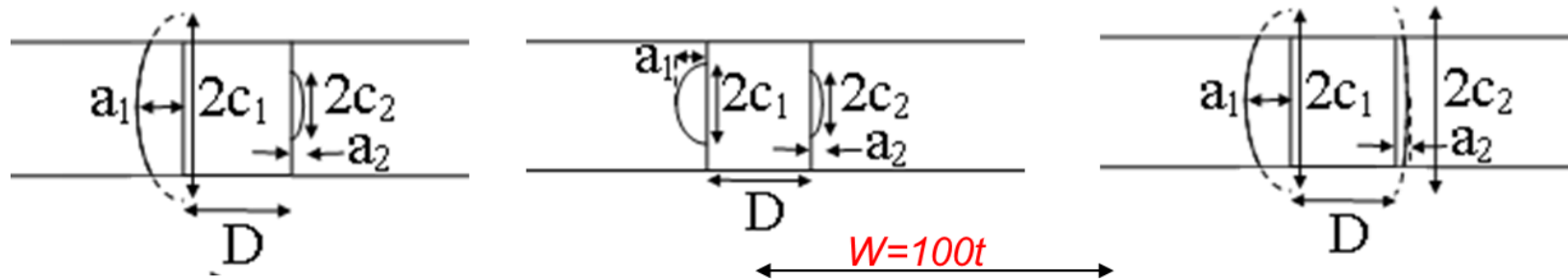


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A few solutions were corrected 2021 and the vertex accuracy was improved.



Cracks (through- and not-through-thickness) originating at the faying surface.



Cracks (through- and not-through-thickness) originating at half plate thickness.

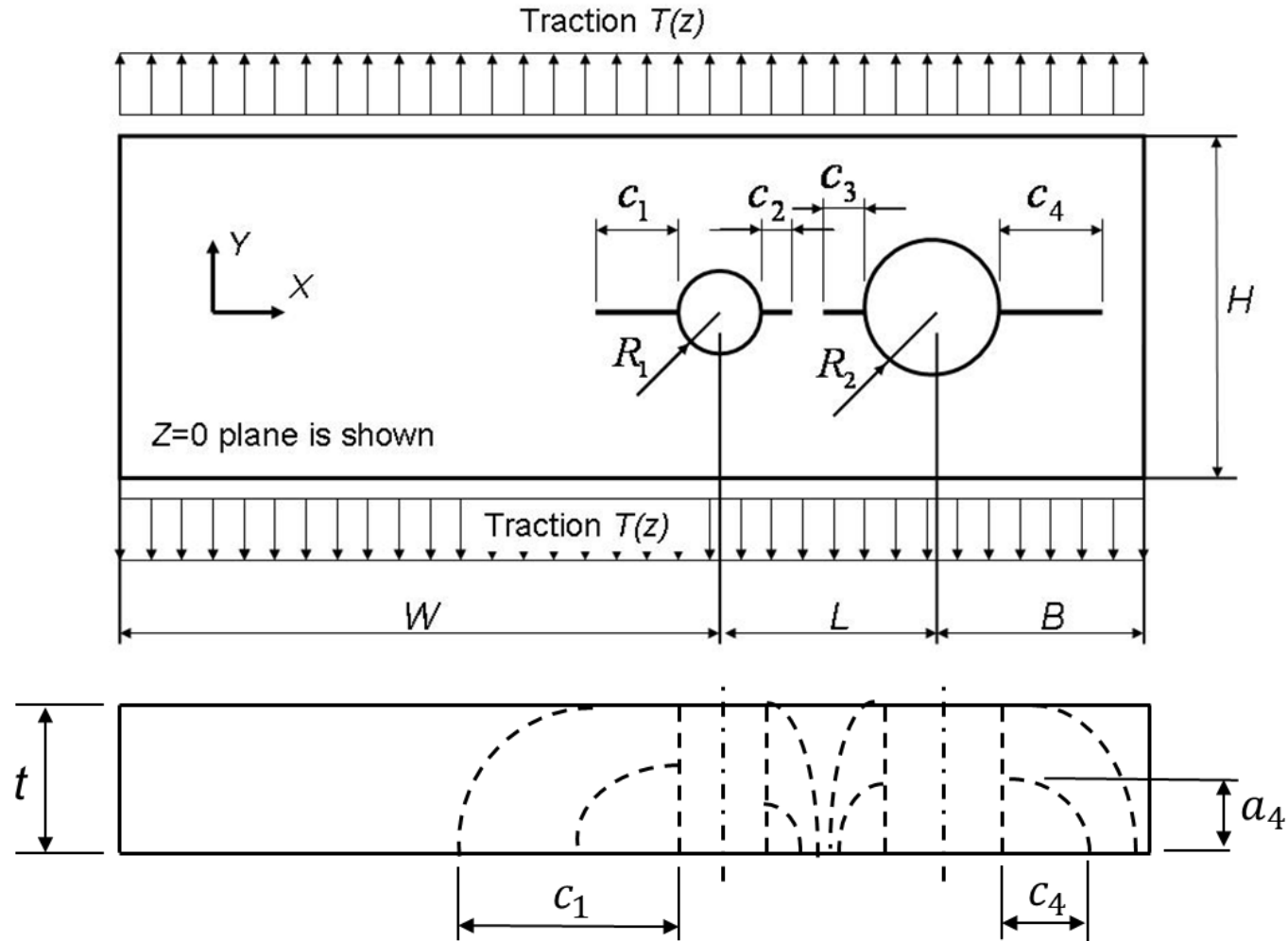
Remark: The not-through-thickness *K*-solutions for cracks originating at the faying surface verify the 2002/2003 years solutions (save for, correcting errors in 2003 years bending solutions for $R/t=7,8,9$).



Milestone 3: 2009/10, 1-4 crack scenarios, 2B solutions



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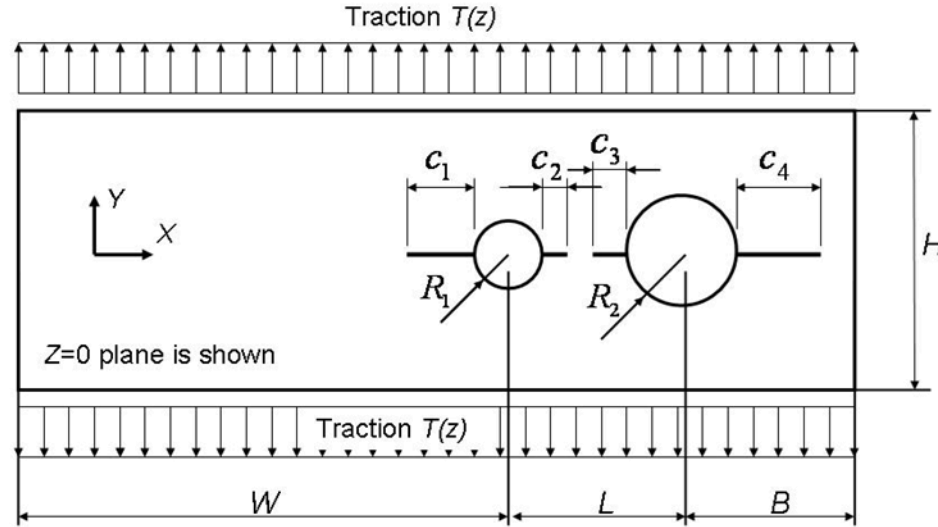
Cracks (through- and not-through-thickness) originating at 1-4 locations at the faying surface.



MS 3 (cont): 2009/10, 1-4 crack scenarios, 2B solutions



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Geometries: 384 different global geometries $\frac{R}{t}, L, B, \frac{R_1}{R_2}$.

$r/t=0.075, 0.1, 0.2, 0.333, 0.5, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0$, where $r = \text{Min}\{R_1, R_2\}$,

$L=1D, 2D, 3D, 4D$ where $D = \text{Max}\{2 \cdot R_1, 2 \cdot R_2\}$,

$B=1D_2, 2D_2, 3D_2, 4D_2$ where $D_2 = 2 \cdot R_2$,

$\frac{R_1}{R_2}=0.5, 1.0$ and 2.0 .

Crack Shapes: $0.1 \leq \frac{a}{c} \leq 10.0, 0.1 \leq \frac{a}{t} \leq 15.0$,

$a/c=0.1, 0.111, 0.125, 0.1428, 0.1667, 0.2, 0.25, 0.333, 0.5, 0.667, 0.75, 0.8, 1.0, 1.25, 1.333, 1.5, 1.667, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0$.

$a/t=0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 0.95, 0.99, 1.05, 1.15, 1.25, 1.40, 1.65, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 4.0, 6.0, 9.0, 12.0, 15.0$.

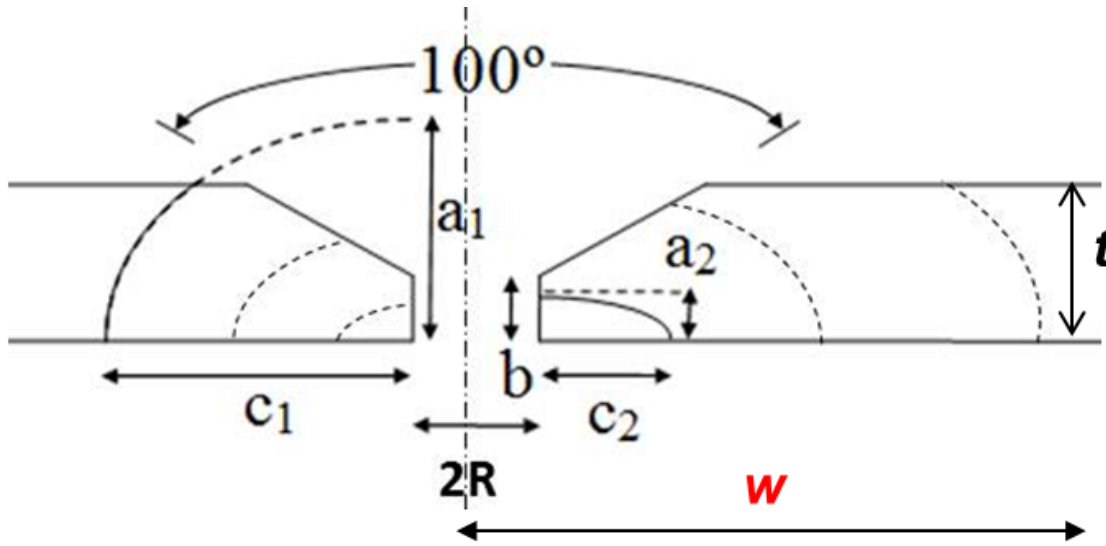
Load Conditions: Tension (only)



Milestone 4: 2019, First set for variable width W/R (H/W=1), 35M solutions



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- Cracks initiating at the faying surface

$c/a = 0.10, \dots$ 20 values $\dots 10.0$

$a/t = 0.10, 0.20, 0.30, 0.40, 0.50, 0.60, 0.70, 0.80, 0.90, 0.975, 1.05, 1.15, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 8.00, 10.0, 12.0, 15.0, 20.0.$ 26 values

$R/t = 0.20, 0.333, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 3.0, 5.0.$ 8 values

$b/t = 0.50$ 1 value

$W/R = 2.4, 2.6, 2.8, 3.2, \dots 100.0$ 20 values

$H/W = 1.0$ 1 value

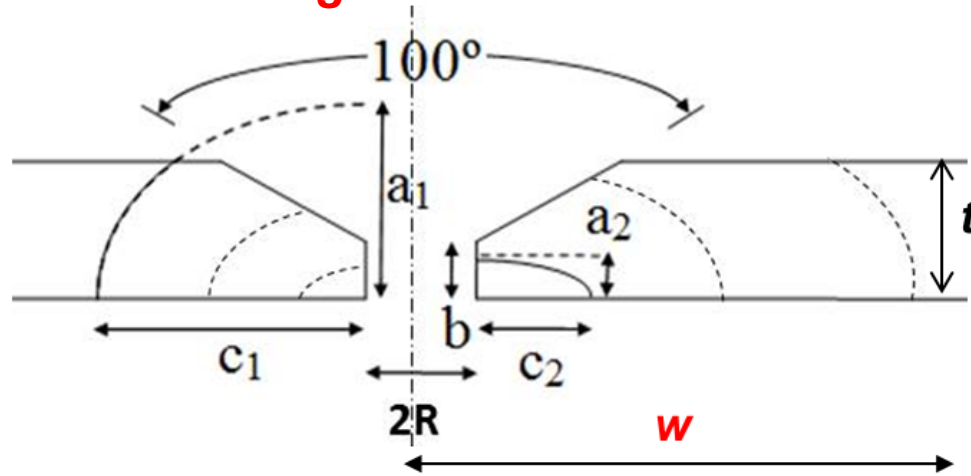


Milestone 5: 2022/23, Ongoing Work, 130M solutions



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In March 2021 it was decided that data for $H/W=3.0$ shall be created for countersunk and straight shank holes geometries.



Cracks initiating at the faying surface

Databases contain for $H/W=3, b/t=0.05$

- 0.8 million single crack solutions.
- 400 million double crack solutions.

Relative error in $K_I(\phi)$ is less than 0.05% along the entire crackfronts.

Expanded parameter space for $b/t=0.05$

$c/a= 0.10, \dots 10.0.$ 20 values

$a/t= 0.10, 0.20, 0.30, 0.40, 0.50, 0.60, 0.70, 0.80, 0.90, 0.975, 1.05, 1.15, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 8.00, 10.0, 12.0, 15.0, 20.0.$ 26 values

$R/t= 0.20, 0.25, 0.333, 0.4, 0.5, 0.567, 0.667, 0.8, 1.0, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0.$ 17 values

$b/t= 0.05$ 1 value

$W/R= 1.25, \dots 400.0$ 30 values

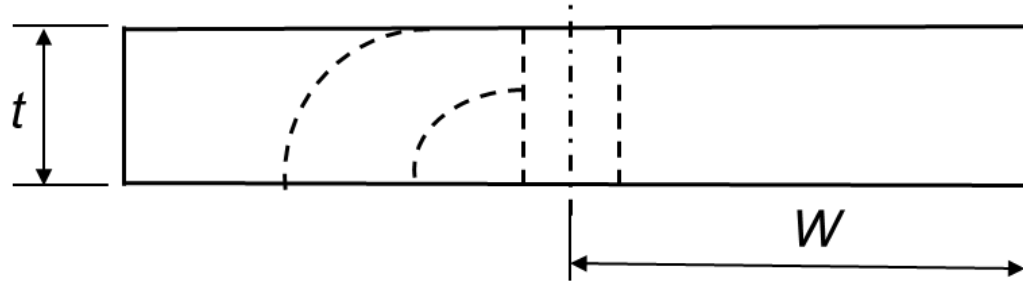
$H/W= 3.0$ 1 value



Milestone 6: 2023, 260K solutions

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Straight shank hole geometries with single cracks.



Single crack initiating at the faying surface

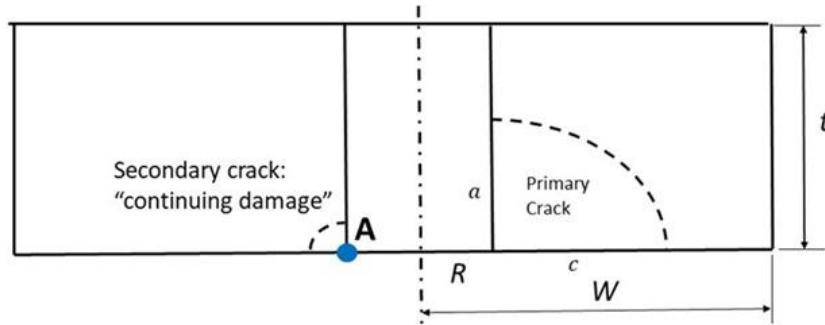
- $c/a = 0.10, \dots, 20 \text{ values} \dots 10.0$
- $a/t = 0.10, 0.20, 0.30, 0.40, 0.50, 0.60, 0.70, 0.80, 0.90, 0.975, 1.05, 1.15, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 8.00, 10.0, 12.0, 15.0, 20.0. \quad 26 \text{ values}$
- $R/t = 0.20, 0.333, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 3.0, 5.0. \quad 8 \text{ values}$
- $W/R = 2.4, 2.6, 2.8, 3.2, \dots, 100.0 \quad 20 \text{ values}$
- $H/W = 3.0 \quad 1 \text{ value}$



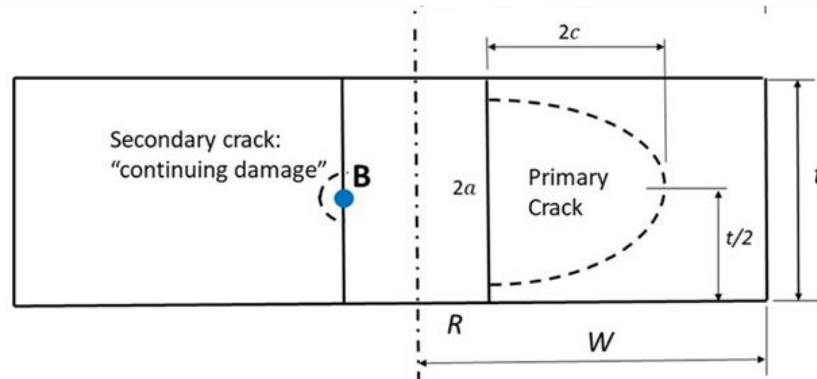
Milestone 7: 2019/20 “Continuing Damage” scenarios



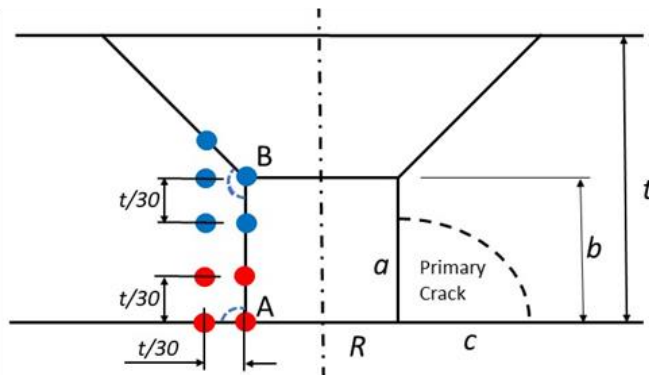
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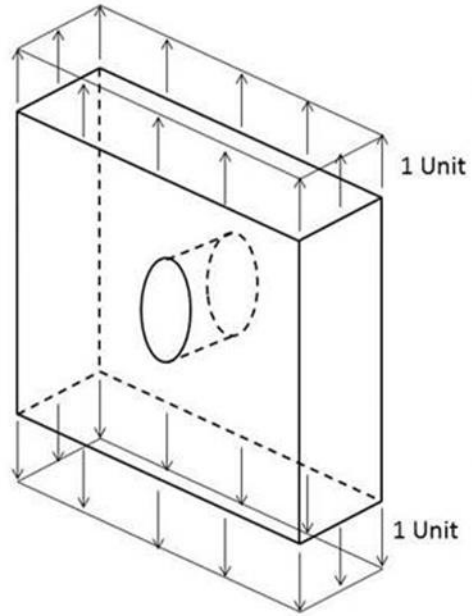
Stress intensity factors are in 2019 years databases available for 20 c/a values, 10 a/t -values, 8 R/t values and 20 W/R -values. $H/W=1$ and $b/t=0.50$. Totally 32000 analyzes for 3 load cases.



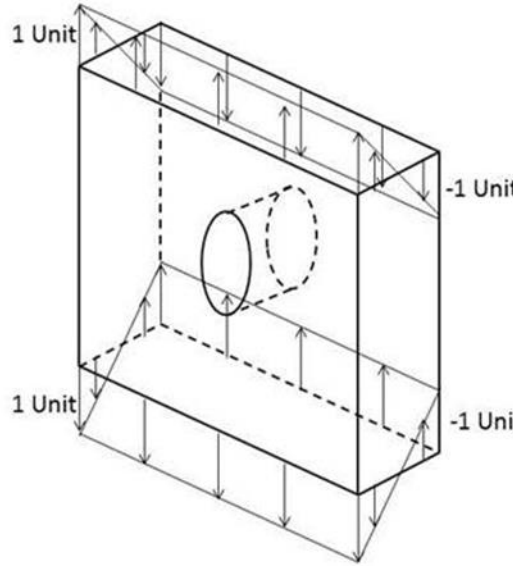
The Three Load Cases

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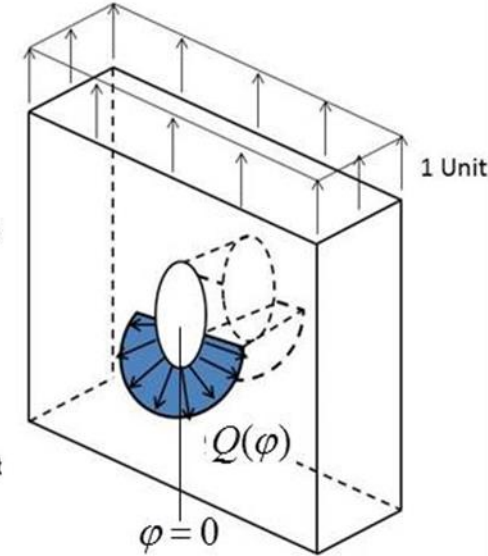
1) Tension Loading



2) Bending Loading



3) Pin Loading



$$Q(\varphi) = \begin{cases} q \cdot \cos^2(\varphi) & \text{for } -\pi/2 \leq \varphi \leq \pi/2 \\ 0 & \text{for } |\varphi| > \pi/2 \end{cases} \quad (\text{eq.1})$$

$$2 \cdot W \cdot t \cdot 1 = q \cdot t \cdot \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} R \cdot \cos^2(\varphi) \cdot \cos(\varphi) \cdot d\varphi \quad (\text{eq.2})$$



Related Research Activities



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- **Eliminating round-off errors in thin plates**
- **Developing a conservative pin load model**
- **Accurate calculations of $K_1(\Phi)$ arbitrarily close to verticies**
where $K_1(\Phi) \rightarrow \infty$ or $K_1(\Phi) \rightarrow 0$
- **Developing high accuracy finite width correction equations**

