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Application of the FKM Guideline non-linear to welds

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What is the FKM Guideline non-linear?

Notch strain approach

- continuous description of the calculation procedure
 - standardised
 - secured by a safety concept
- FKM: Research Association for Mechanical Engineering
- published 02/2019 (VDMA)



FKM Guideline non-linear

FKM Guideline „Nichtlinearer Festigkeitsnachweis“ in German

- elastic-plastic deformation behaviour
 - fatigue strength assessment based on the notch strain approach
 - calculated assessment possible up to crack initiation
 - calculated assessment possible for all service life ranges ($N > 10$)
- ➔ in contrast to FKM Guideline „Analytical Strength Assessment of Components“: ($N \geq 10^4$)

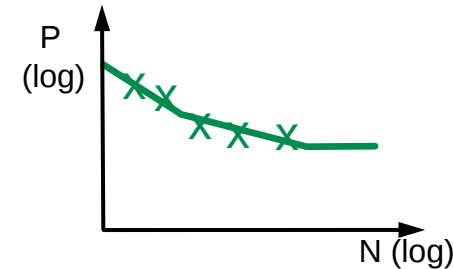
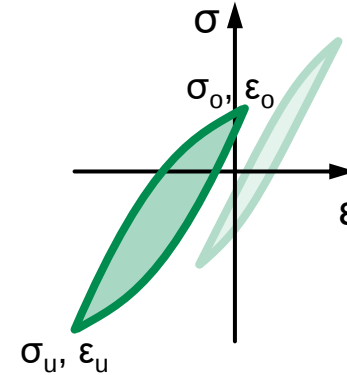
Assessment of the fatigue strength with damage parameters

damage parameter P

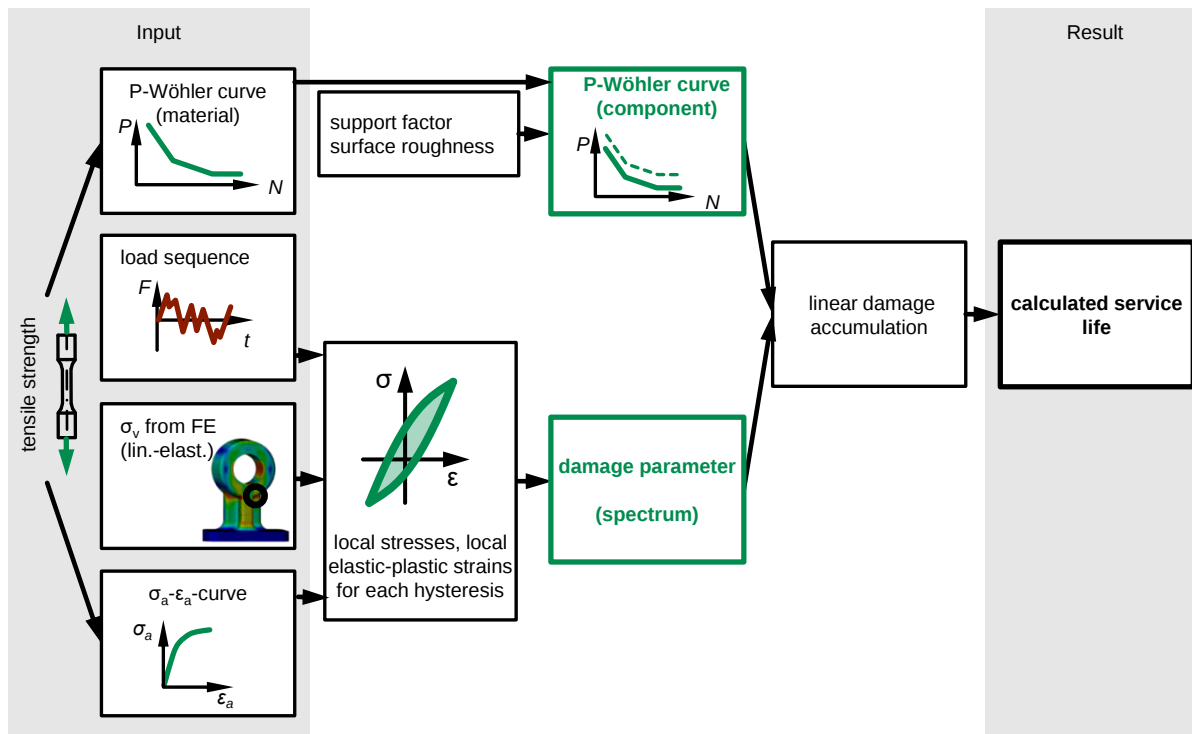
- size to describe the damage relevant load state
- is calculated for each closed hysteresis
- can be presented as a spectrum

damage parameter-(P-)Wöhler curve

- determined via strain-controlled tests
- or: estimated from material properties



Scheme: Assessment of the fatigue strength



Advantages of the FKM Guideline non-linear

- standardised procedure for the application of the notch strain approach
- required inputs
 - all strength parameters can be estimated from the tensile strength
 - finite element calculation with linear-elastic material model
- safety concept
- all service life ranges included ($N > 10$)

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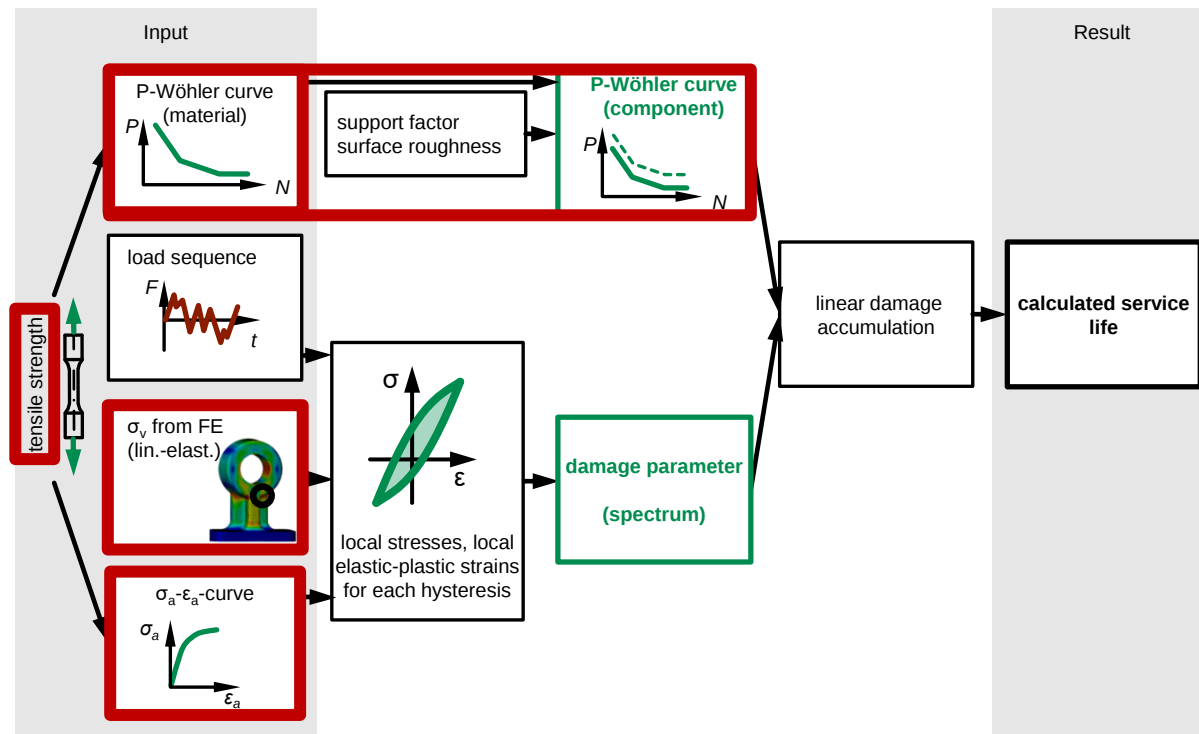
research project „Modellierung von Schweißnähten zum Nachweis der Ermüdungsfestigkeit mit dem Örtlichen Konzept“

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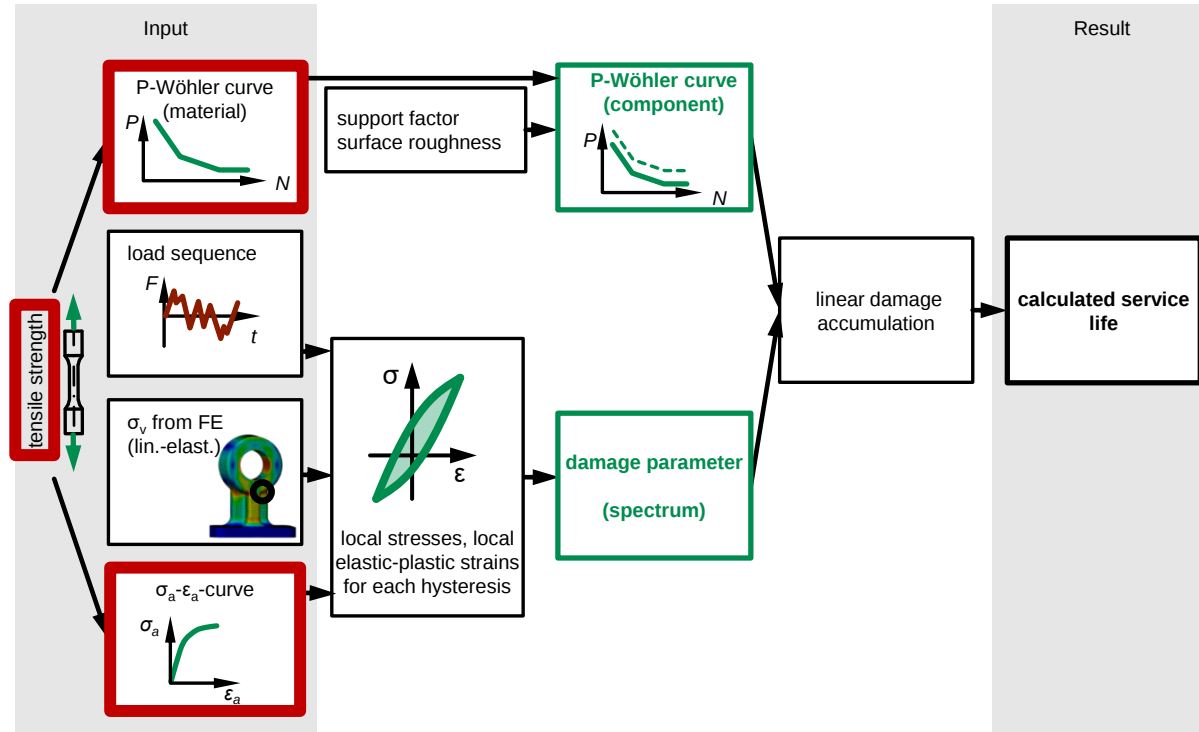
Aim and approach

- assessment of applicability of FKM Guideline non-linear to welds out of steel
 - adaptation of the calculation concept:
 - estimation method for cyclic material properties and damage parameter Wöhler-curves
 - modelling of welds and determination of local stresses
 - consider statistical size effect, stress gradient and surface roughness
 - achieving a good accuracy
- in this project, as a first approach, for constant amplitudes for now

Scheme: Assessment of the fatigue strength



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Cyclic stress-strain curve

- Ramberg and Osgood approach:

$$\varepsilon_a = \frac{\sigma_a}{E} + \left(\frac{\sigma_a}{K'} \right)^{\frac{1}{n'}}$$

with:

K'

cyclic strain hardening coefficient

n'

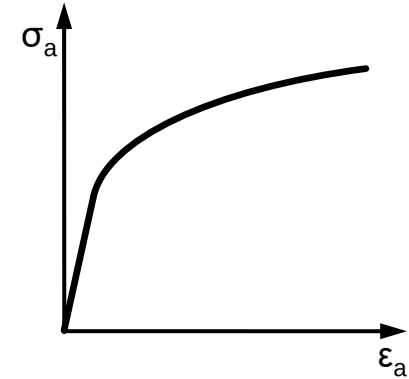
cyclic strain hardening exponent

E

Young's modulus

- E depending on material group
- n' depending on material group
- K' function of Vickers hardness

$$K' = \frac{41.4 \text{ MPa} \cdot \text{HV}^{0.63}}{\left(\min \left(\frac{0.338}{189787 \cdot \text{HV}^{-2.23}} \right) \right)^{0.187}}$$



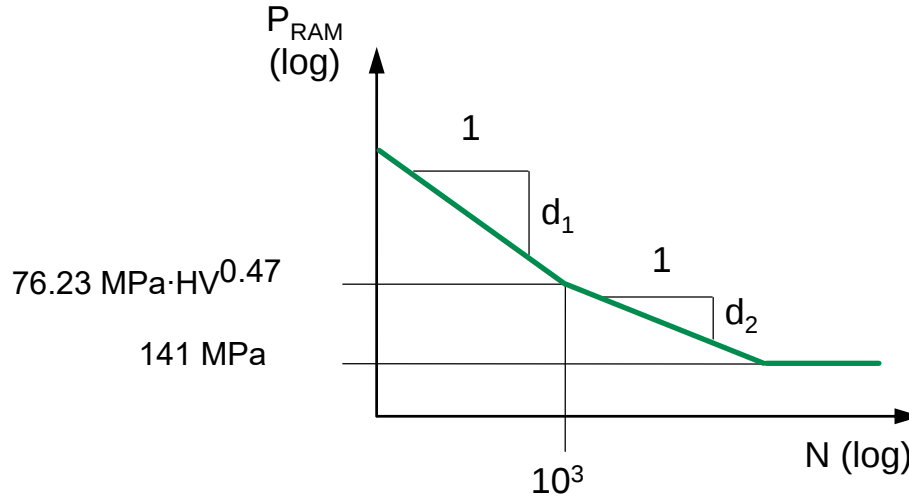
Damage parameter P_{RAM}

- value of P_{RAM} for each closed hysteresis

$$P_{RAM} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{(\sigma_a + k \cdot \sigma_m) \cdot \epsilon_a \cdot E} & \text{für } (\sigma_a + k \cdot \sigma_m) \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{für } (\sigma_a + k \cdot \sigma_m) < 0 \end{cases}$$

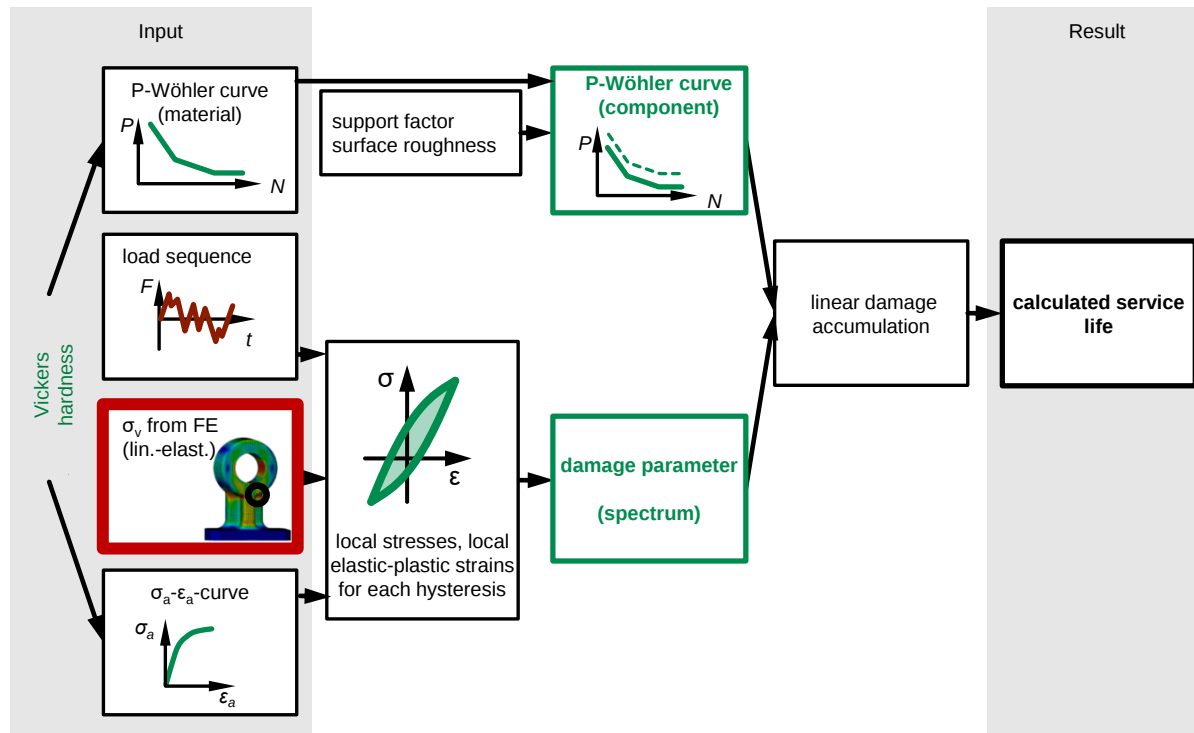
- RAM: Research Association for Mechanical Engineering
- based on damage parameter of Smith, Watson and Topper P_{SWT}
- k: considers mean stress sensitivity

Damage parameter-(P-)Wöhler-curve for P_{RAM}



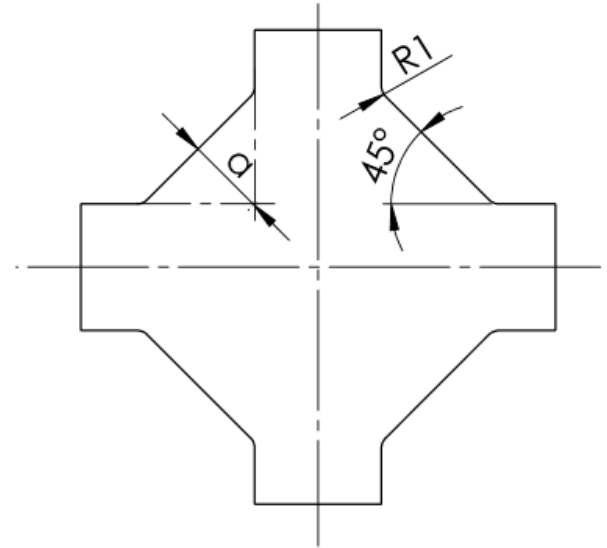
- slopes d_1 and d_2 : depending on material group
- suspension point: function of Vickers hardness
- adaption of the fatigue limit to the effective notch stress approach

Scheme: Assessment of the fatigue strength

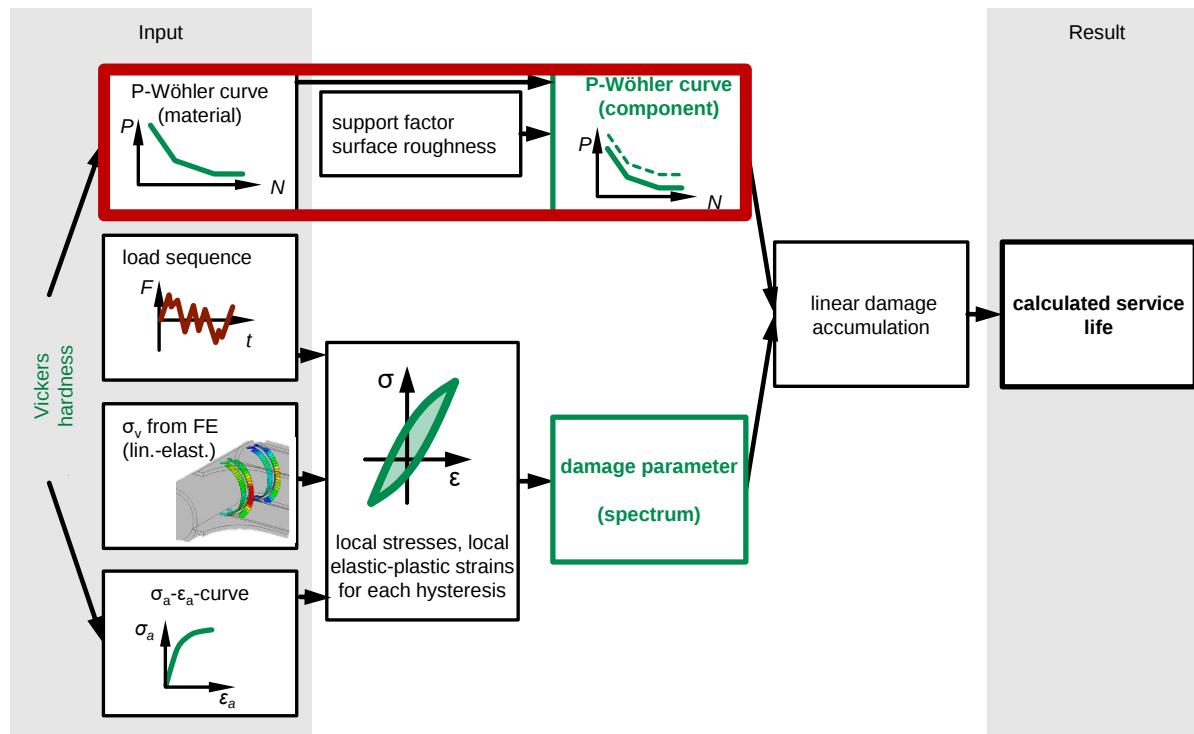


Modelling of welds

- Simplification
- according to IIW recommendation for effective notch stress approach
 - linear elastic finite element calculation
 - subsequent notch root approximation



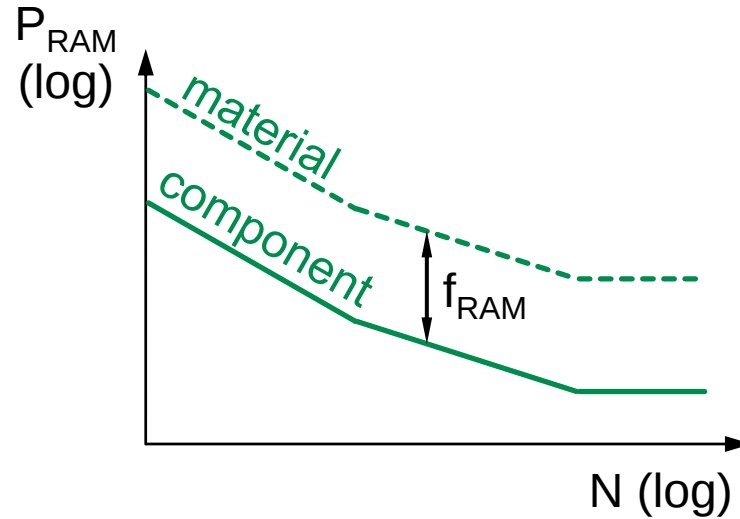
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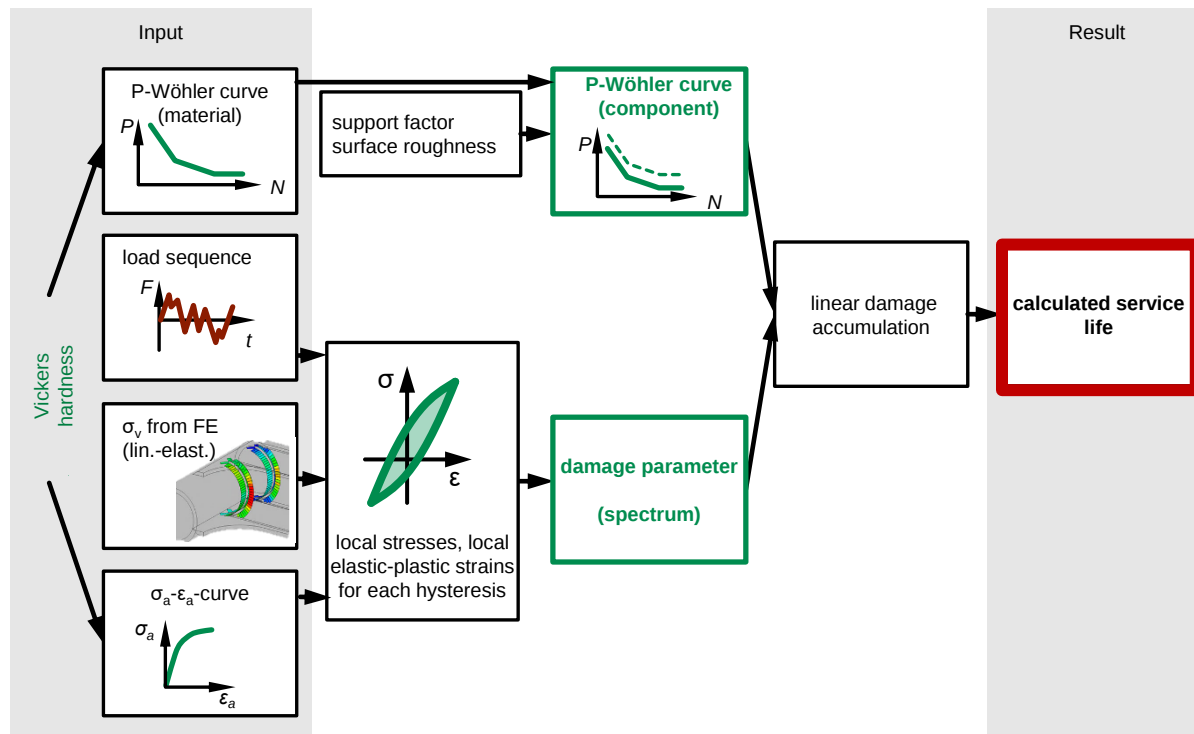
Support factor and surface roughness

factor f_{RAM}

- support factor
 - statistical size effect
 - stress gradient
- surface roughness

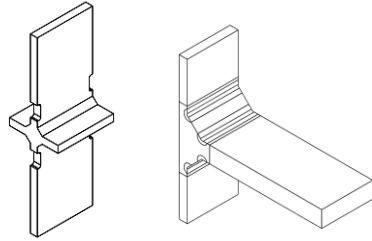


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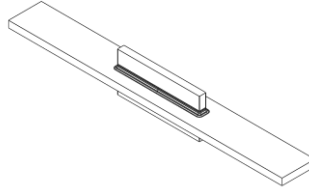


Database for the review of the adjustments for welds

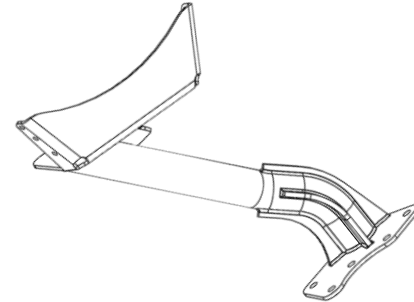
cruciform welded joints



longitudinal welded gussets



component

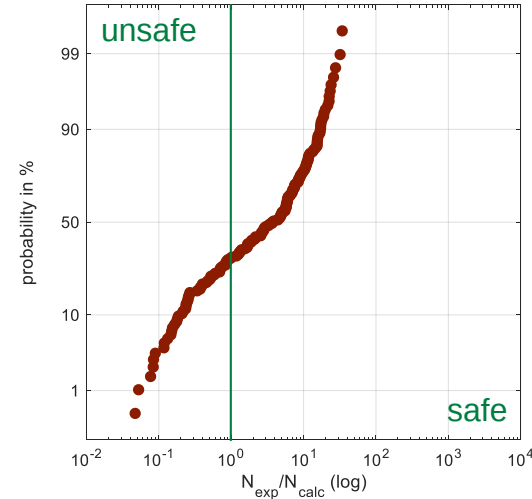
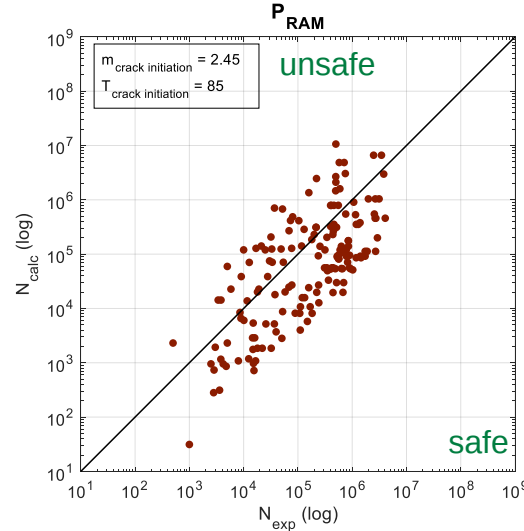


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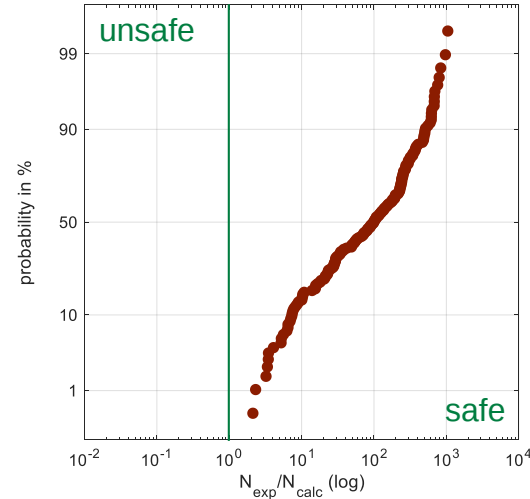
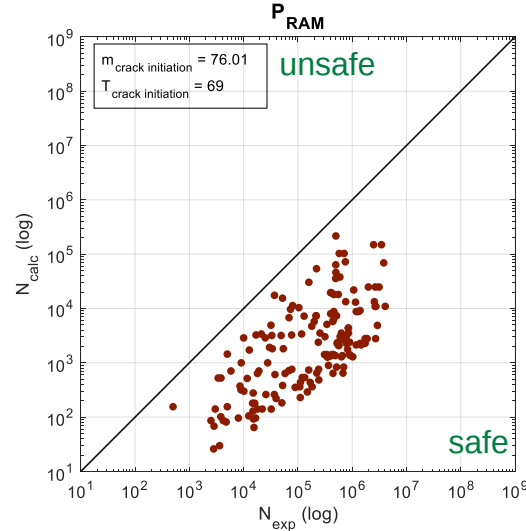
Analytical fatigue life prediction P_{RAM}

Input: Vickers hardness (heat-affected zone), safety factors = 1



Analytical fatigue life prediction P_{RAM}

Input: Vickers hardness (heat-affected zone), safety factors included



Conclusion

- adapted algorithms of FKM Guideline non-linear are suitable for the design of welds, for
 - steel
 - Vickers hardness from 150HV – 330HV
 - constant amplitude loading
 - low or medium residual stresses

- open issues
 - variable amplitudes
 - high residual stresses
 - thin-walled steel sheets (sheet thickness < 5mm)
 - aluminium

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