The bearing strength perpendicular to the grain of locally loaded blocks and dowel-type fasteners

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*: Left: Sawata and Yasumura (2002)

**: Right: Vreeswijk (2003)

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Little plasticity needed (hardening behaviour) \rightarrow stress redistribution



















Stress field according to slip-line field theory **Generally:** $p_o = p_s - 4 k n\phi = p_s - 4 k \theta$ \Rightarrow $p_s = p_o + 4 k \theta$ Angle θ can be approximated: $\theta \approx 0.62 \ln(2h/s)$ $\sigma_{\mathsf{s}} \downarrow \downarrow_{\mathsf{s}} \downarrow \downarrow$ Equilibrium, and rearranging: $\sigma_{s} s = \sigma_{o} L \implies \sigma_{o} = \frac{\sigma_{s} s}{L}$ h $p_s - p_o = 4 k \theta$ $\sigma_{s} - \frac{\sigma_{s} s}{L} = \sigma_{s} \left(1 - \frac{s}{L}\right) = 2.48 \text{ k} \ln(2\text{ h/s})^{4}$

Stress field according to slip-line field theory Elastic spreading (a first flow / plasticity) at 45° (if h>s):

 $h \approx \frac{(L-s)}{2}$, and thus: $\frac{L}{s} > 3$ Lower bound approach

Substitution, and rearranging \rightarrow Solution:

$$\sigma_{s}\left(1-\frac{s}{L}\right) = 2.48 \text{ k} \ln\left(\frac{L}{s}-1\right) \implies \sigma_{s} = \frac{2.48 \text{ k} \ln\left(\frac{L}{s}-1\right)}{\left(1-\frac{s}{L}\right)}$$

Define a "constant" C (proportional with $\sqrt{(L/s)}$):

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Evaluation of tests of different sources (see CIB-W18 / 40-6-1)



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 - Evaluation of embedding tests by Whale and Smith (CEC) (1986)
 - Nails and Bolts, Eur. Whitewood, -Redwood, Canadian Spruce





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- Embedding strength, being F/dt [Failure load/ (diameter x thickness)]
 - Embedding strength according to Eurocode 5: 2004

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Nails and bolts approximated with one line (power fit)



 Equivalent compression strength f_{c;90} derived from tests
Nails and bolts approximated with one line (power fit) Strongly diameter dependant (size effect)



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Conclusions / remarks

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- Theoretical model to explain the bearing strength of locally loaded blocks and dowel-type fastener joints (according to Van der Put (1988), (2000))
- Prediction ability is better than other existing models
 - Further research shall lead to new results and knowledge

