



FAST+MORE

Documentation

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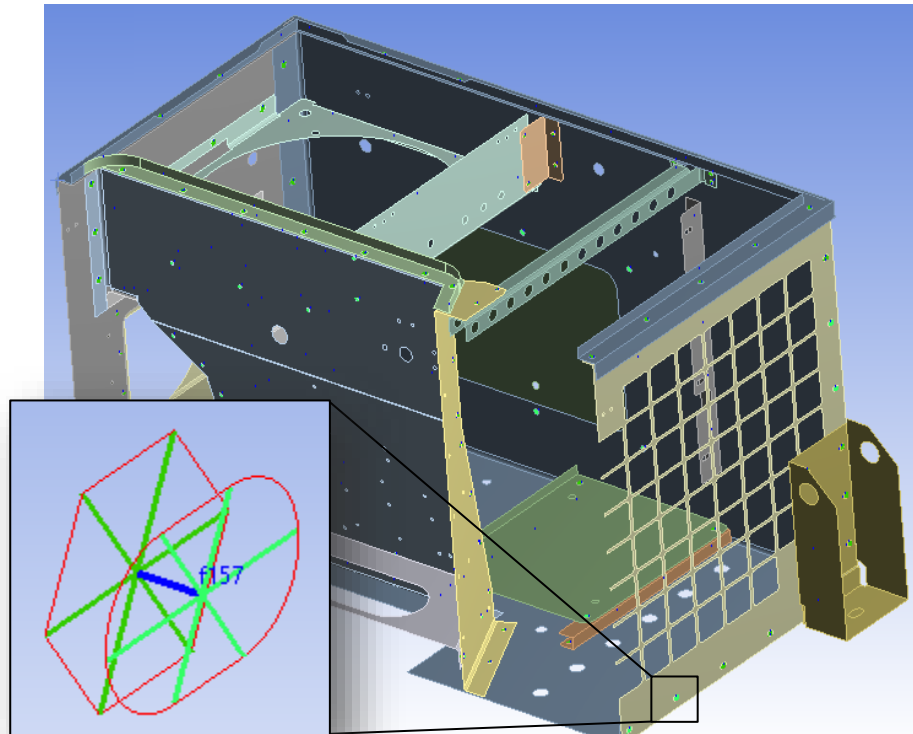
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1 Aim of the Software

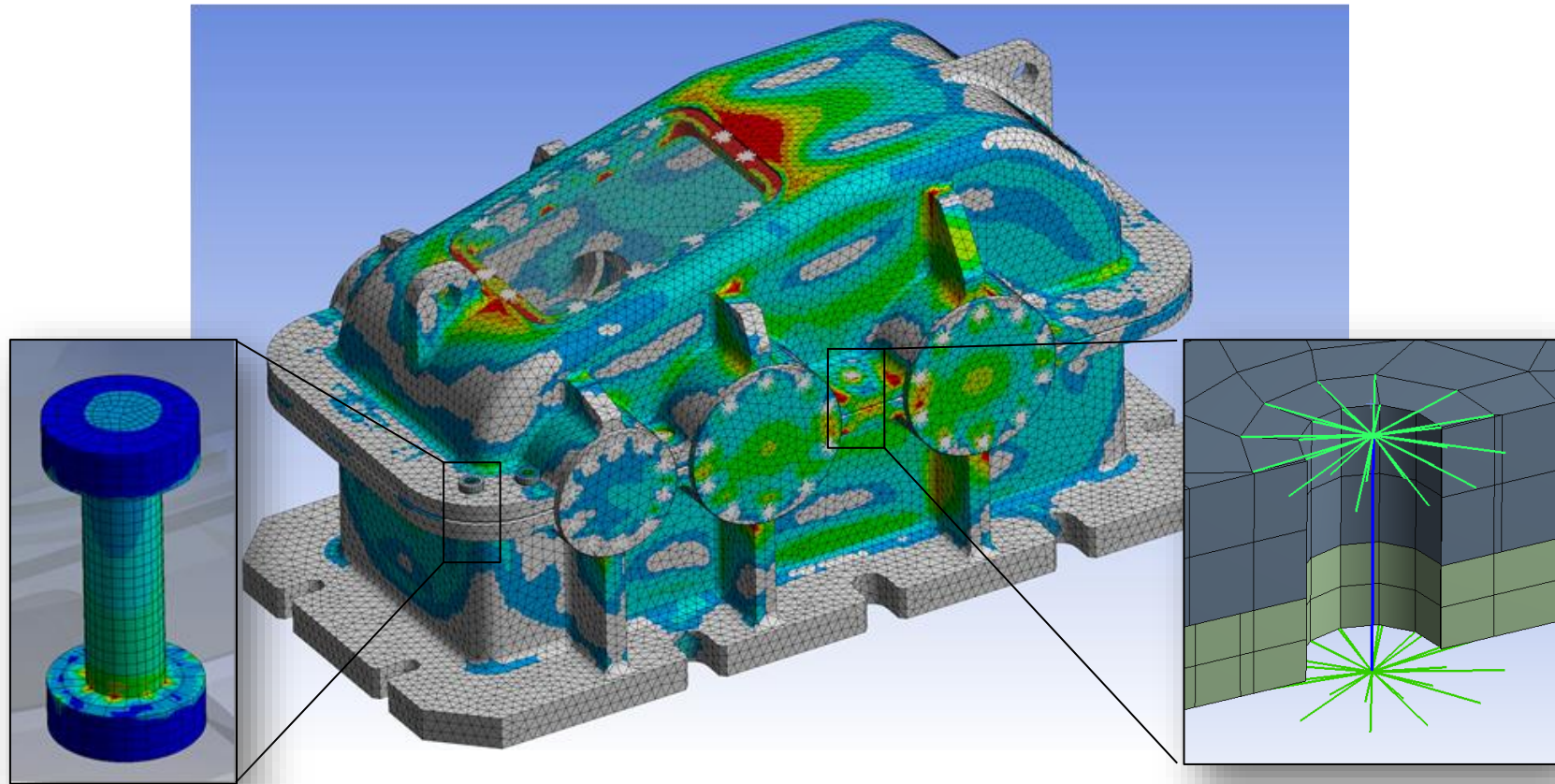
This Extension for ANSYS Mechanical provides a very efficient way for modeling, calculation and postprocessing of all kinds of fasteners (screws, rivets, spotwelds ...) - even for a very large number in complex FE-Models. With just a few clicks (a few minutes) all of the different Fasteners are detected and generated and after solve a streamlined postprocessing is provided.

See also Video of the capabilities on: www.fast-and-more.com



The **free Demo-Version** is limited to **max. 10 Fasteners**. For full capability a license is required.

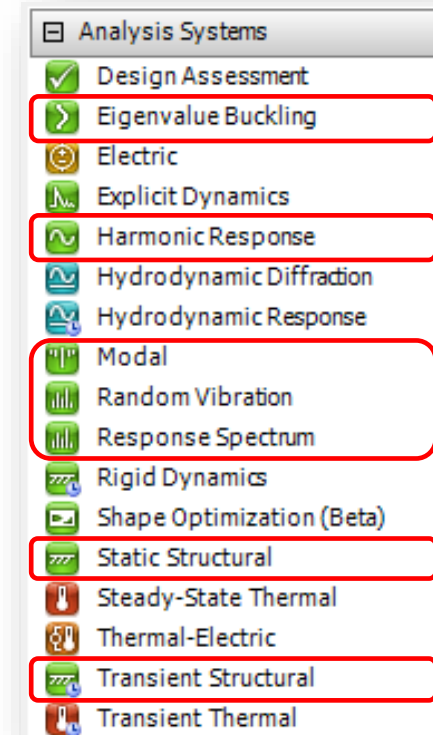
Fast+More is made for Shell-Models as well as for Volume Models.
The Fasteners are modeled with Beam or Volume Elements:



model source: grabcad.com „Reductor“ by Mateusz Szab

2 Area of Application

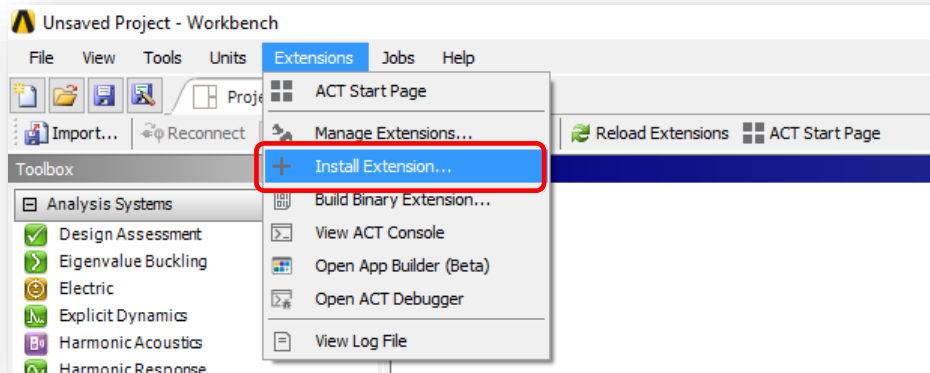
Target application:	ANSYS Mechanical (Workbench)
Compatible ANSYS version:	2019 R1
Target Analysis Types:	see right picture
Target Operating System:	Microsoft Windows



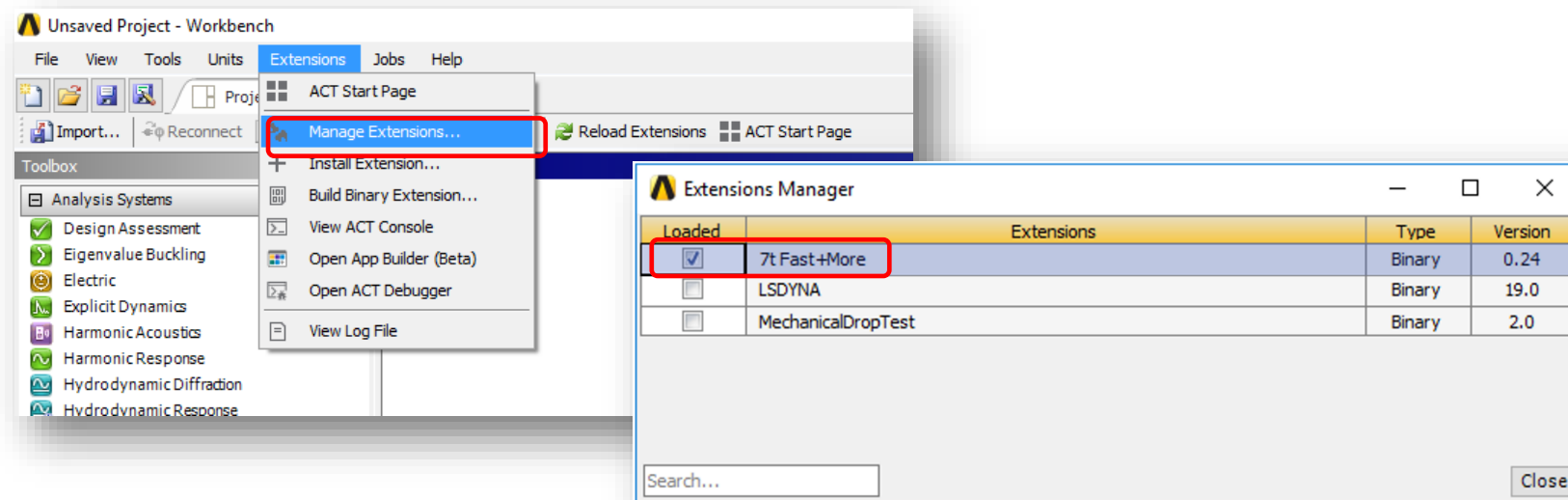
3 Installation and Licensing Information

3.1 Installation

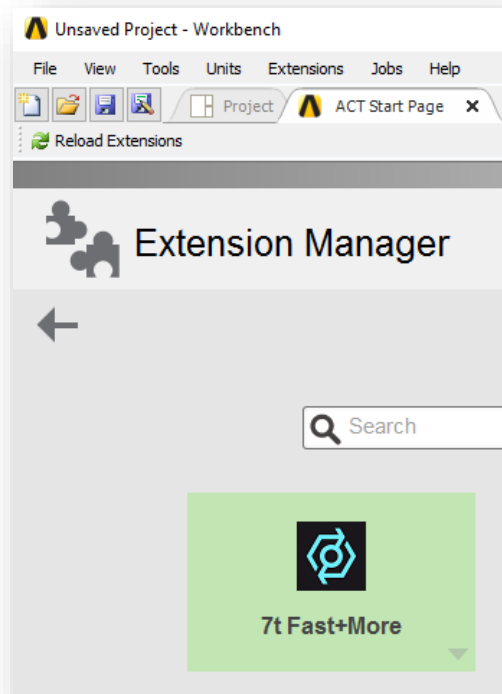
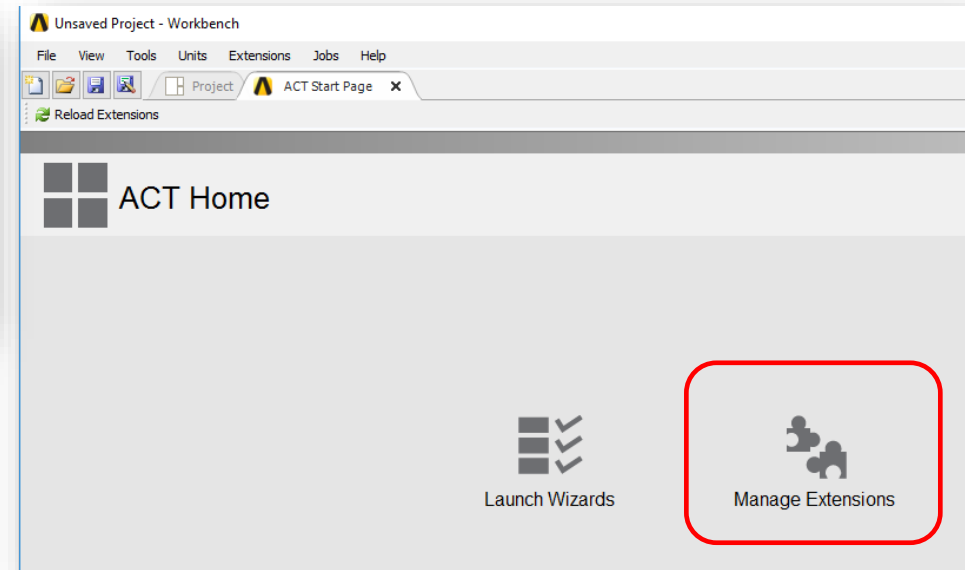
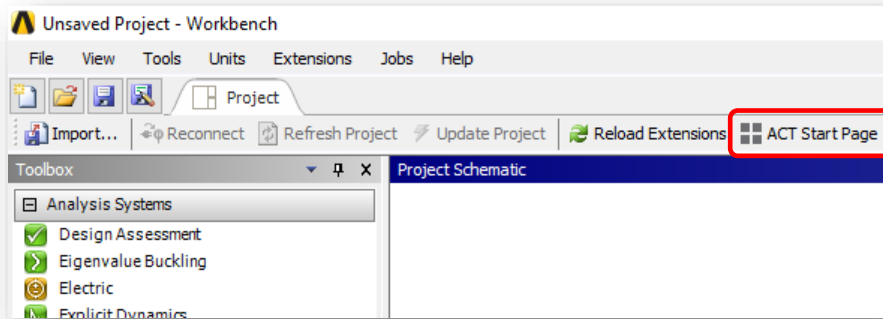
Open ANSYS Workbench and install the App via **Extensions > Install Extension ...** :



After Installation go to **Extensions > Manage Extensions ...** and set the checkmark at “7t Fast+More”:



Or alternatively open **ACT Start Page > Manage Extensions** and activate **“7t Fast+More”**:



3.2 Licensing

To run Fast+More with full functionality you need a **license file**.

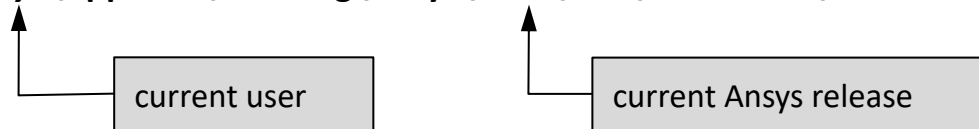
Without a proper license file the App runs in limited Demo-Mode! In Demo-Mode the App is limited to:

- create only 10 Fasteners and 1 Fast+More Preprocessing objects in tree.
- no Slip-Effect (in future releases no Pretension)

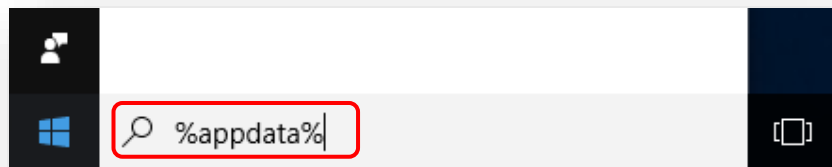
Request a license file via info@fast-and-more.com

Copy the received License-File in the current extensions directory:

C:\Users\User-xyz\AppData\Roaming\Ansys\v192\ACT\extensions



To quickly jump into the AppData directory, you can use the Windows-command: %appdata%



3.2.1 NodeLocked License

With a NodeLocked license Fast+More can be used only on the specified computer.

For a node locked license please collect the **Hostname** and the **MAC address** of the local workstation on which Fast+More should run and request with that data a license file via info@fast-and-more.com

Copy the received License-File in the current extensions directory:

C:\Users\User-xyz\AppData\Roaming\Ansys\v192\ACT\extensions

3.2.2 Floating License

With a floating license the software can be operated from several different workstations located in the same network. Various users can use the software but only as many concurrent users as specified in license file. Each open ANSYS Workbench session pulls one Fast+More license – any number of Mechanical models can be operated within a workbench session with only one Fast+More license.

For this licensing method a computer that can be reached in the network is necessary (Server) and an empty folder must be set up on it that can be reached from all other computers in the network. This folder must be accessible from all other computers in the network and the users must have read and write access to the folder. Double-check if this licensing-folder can be reached via a dedicated network path - for instance: [\\Testworkstation-01\Fast-and-More\Floating-Lic](#) - and if all necessary users have write access. Request a license file while attaching this **licensing network-path** and the **MAC address of the server** via info@fast-and-more.com.

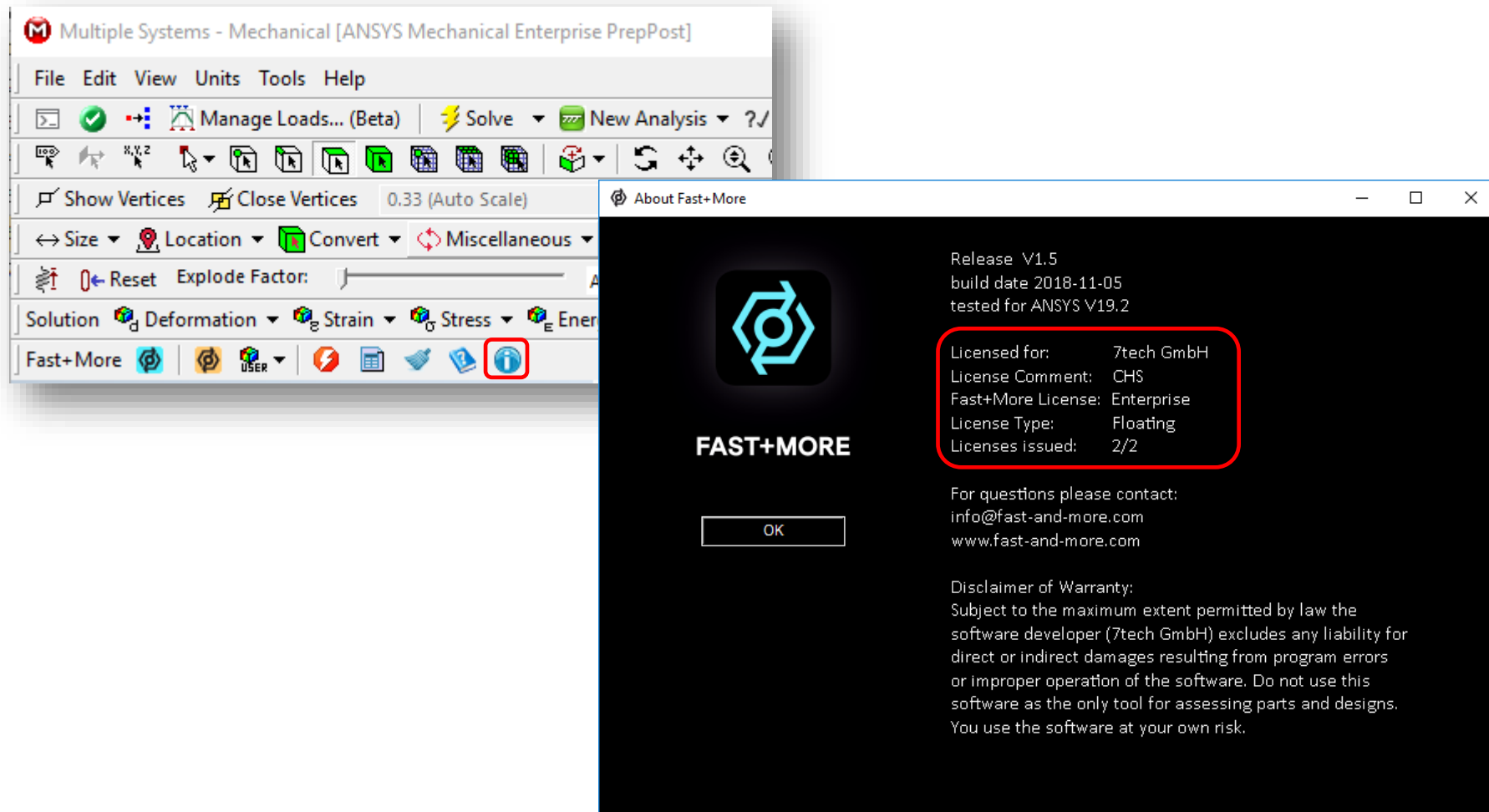
Copy the received License-File in the current extensions directory of each local computer which should use Fast+More:

C:\Users\User-xyz\AppData\Roaming\Ansys\v192\ACT\extensions

After an ANSYS crash or in some other cases it may happen that the licensing folder is not cleaned up correctly and therefore licenses are not released. In this case, simply delete the complete content of the licensing folder and restart ANSYS.

3.3 Check License

Use the FAST+MORE “**About**” button to check if the license is recognized correctly. The About Window shows the current FAST+MORE release and build version and the recognized license information. If no proper license is available, the window shows that FAST+MORE is running in demo mode.



4 Used expressions

The following important expressions are used in the software.

„Hole“

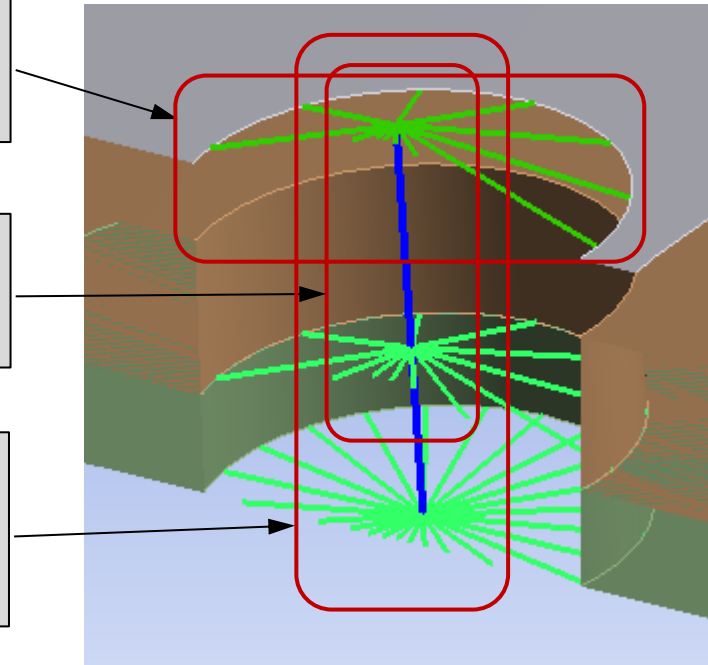
is a Position in space (Centre-Point and Normal-Vector)
and corresponding Geometry and Part-Properties

„Intersection“ (Isec.)

is linked to exactly two „Holes“ and one Fastener.
It carries reaction-forces and moments for this interface.

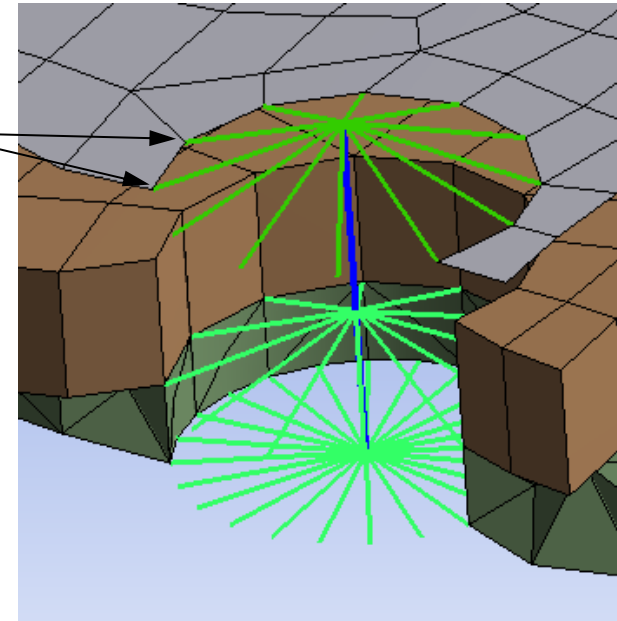
„Fastener“

is linked to two or more „Holes“ (and corresponding
„Intersections“) and defines all the mechanical properties of the Fastener.



„HeadNodes“

are Finite Element Nodes that connects the Centre-Point (HeadPoint) of a Hole with the surrounding Mesh

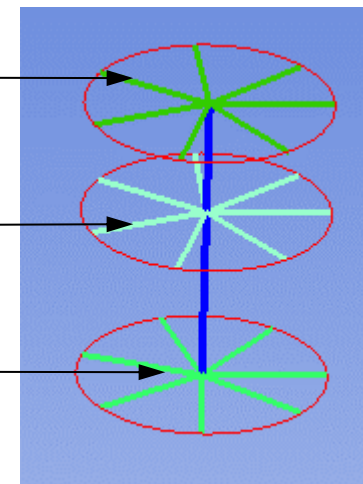


Color code of the Fasteners:

color used for TOP-Side of the Head-Beams (Side A)

color used for all intermediate Head-Beams

color used for BOTTOM-Side of the Head-Beams (Side B)



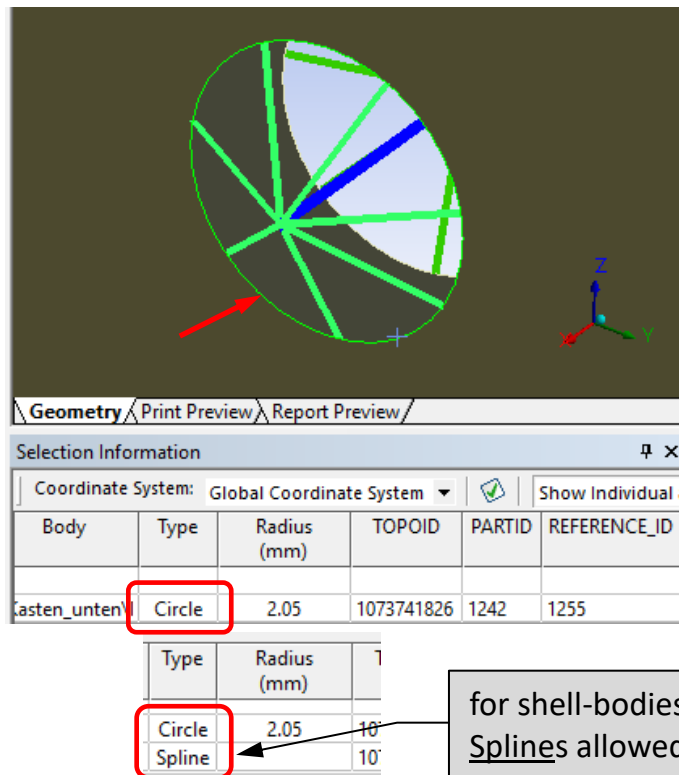
5 Preprocessing

5.1 Geometry Requirements for Circular Holes

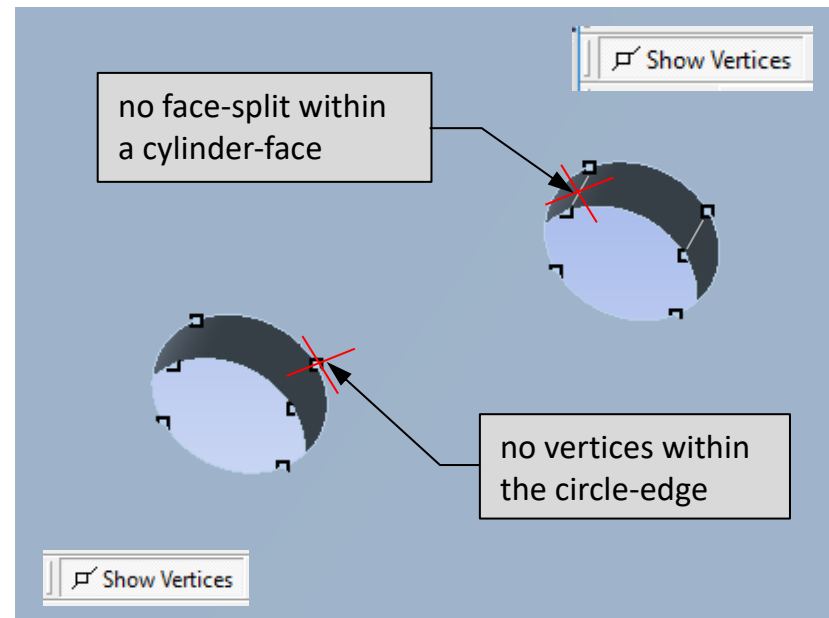
The App searches for holes and connects holes which are close to each other with fasteners.

It can be either holes in a shell-body as well as in a volume-body.

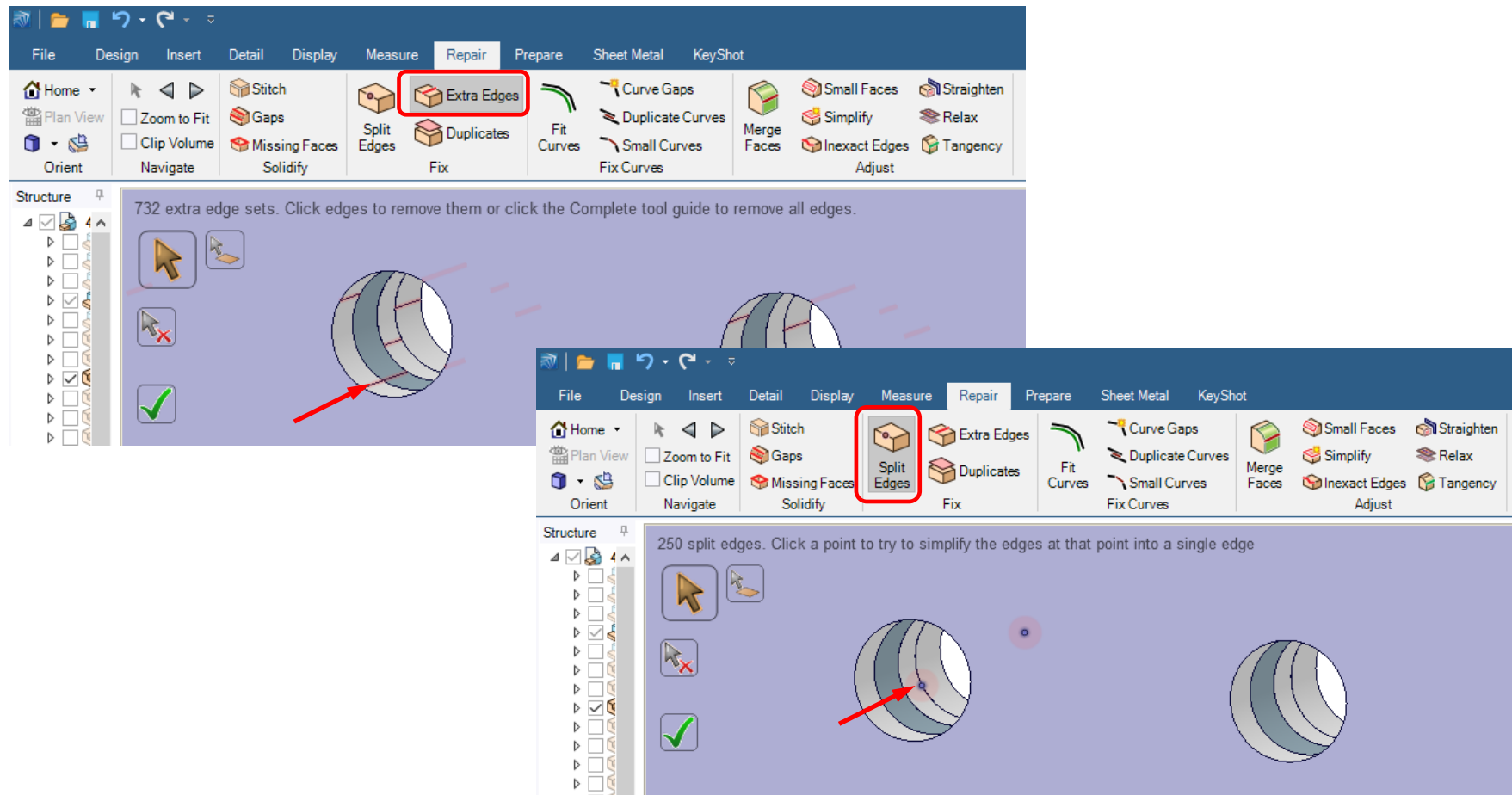
A circular hole has to have an edge without any interruption (no vertices within the circle-edge; no face-split within a cylinder-face) for volume bodies. For shell-bodies a circular hole can consist of one or a maximum of two edges.



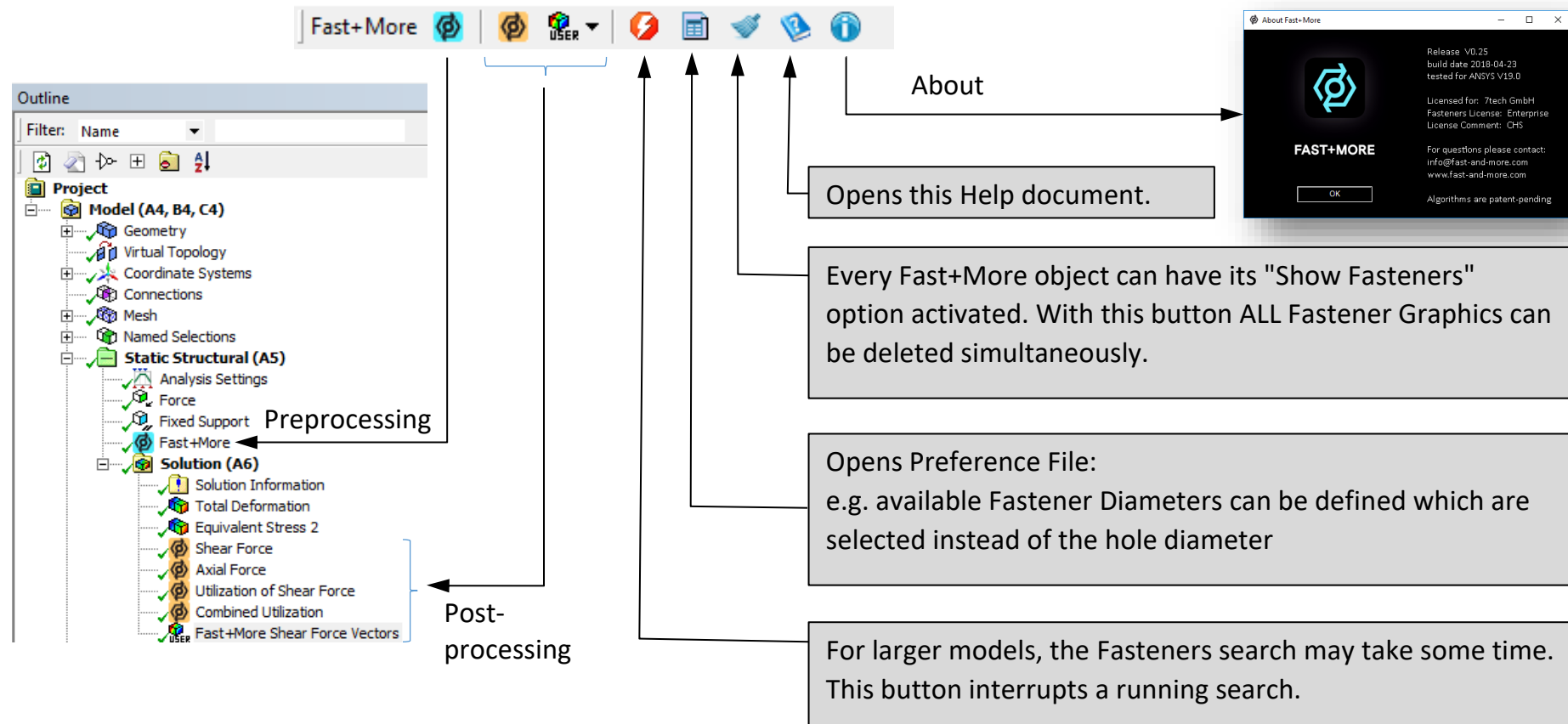
for shell-bodies are also Splines allowed



After importing CAD-Geometry in some cases holes are displayed with spited cylinder faces or edges. In this case the holes must be cleaned. This can be easily done in DesignModeler with the repair features or in SpaceClaim with the following functions:



5.2 Fast+More Toolbar



5.3 Preprocessing Details Window

The screenshot shows the 'Details of "Fast+More"' window. On the left, several callout boxes point to specific sections of the window:

- Diameter range for Hole search**: Points to the 'min. Hole Diameter' and 'max. Hole Diameter' fields.
- select if special kinds of Holes should be detected**: Points to the 'Find Circular Holes', 'Find Polygonal Holes', and 'Find Elongated Holes' checkboxes.
- how many holes were found**: Points to the 'Holes Found' field.
- definition Method for Fasteners**: Points to the 'Detection Method' field under 'Find Fasteners (Hole-Connections)'.
- edit each single Fasteners**: Points to the 'Edit Fasteners' and 'Edit Advanced Scew Properties' fields.
- graphics settings to show the defined Fasteners and Holes**: Points to the 'Show Holes', 'Show Fasteners', and 'Show Graphics for Entities' fields.
- ID-number of the Fast+More object and license information**: Points to the 'ID', 'Type', and 'Licensed For' fields.

The window itself contains the following sections and fields:

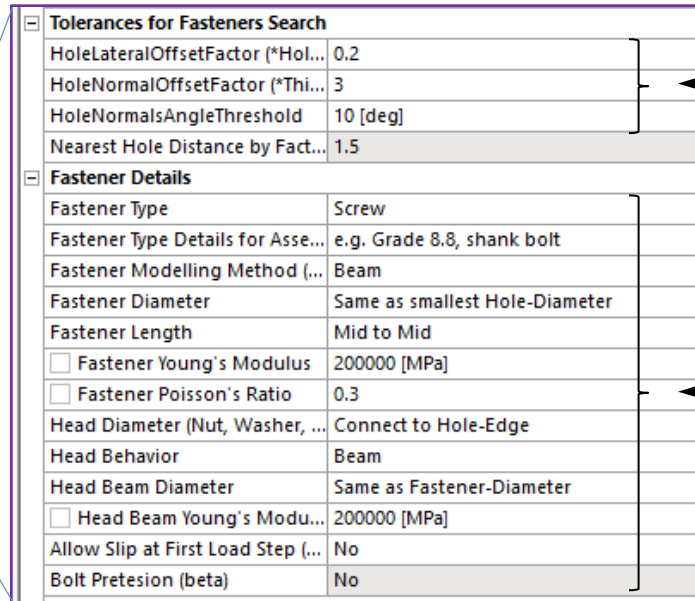
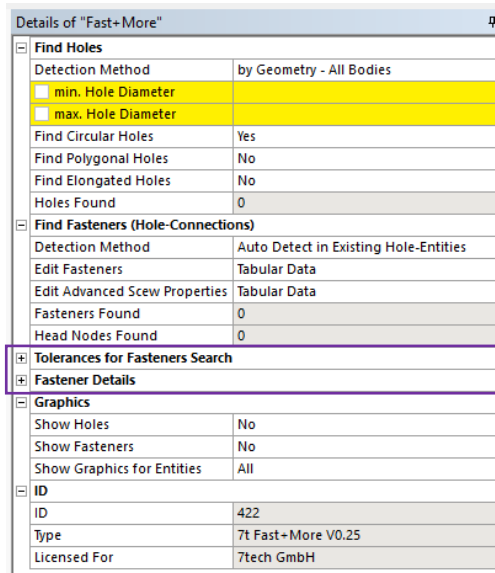
- Find Holes**
 - Detection Method: by Geometry - All Bodies
 - ☐ min. Hole Diameter
 - ☐ max. Hole Diameter
 - Find Circular Holes: Yes
 - Find Polygonal Holes: No
 - Find Elongated Holes: No
 - Holes Found: 0
- Find Fasteners (Hole-Connections)**
 - Detection Method: Auto Detect in Existing Hole-Entities
 - Edit Fasteners: Tabular Data
 - Edit Advanced Scew Properties: Tabular Data
 - Fasteners Found: 0
 - Head Nodes Found: 0
- Tolerances for Fasteners Search**
- Fastener Details**
- Graphics**
 - Show Holes: No
 - Show Fasteners: No
 - Show Graphics for Entities: All
- ID**
 - ID: 422
 - Type: 7t Fast+More V0.25
 - Licensed For: 7tech GmbH

A dropdown menu is open for the 'Detection Method' of 'Find Holes', showing the following options:

- by Geometry - All Bodies
- by Geometry - All Bodies
- by Geometry - Selected Geometry
- by Hole-Entities csv-File
- by Fastener-Centroids from Fastener csv-File (beta)

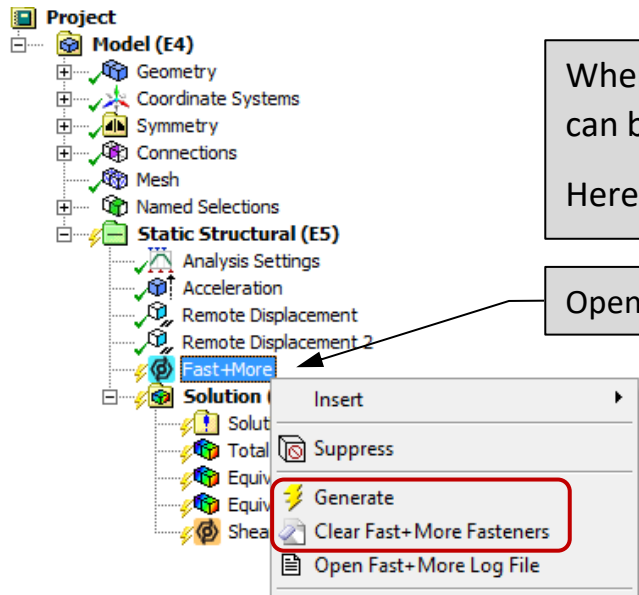
A red arrow points to the 'by Hole-Entities csv-File' option. A text box on the right explains this option:

apart from searching through geometry a text file can be used to define Holes. Use the format like in the File "7t-FM_Pre_1_Holes.csv" written automatically by the App



tolerance values for searching
Fasteners (Hole-Connections)

global properties for ALL Fasteners

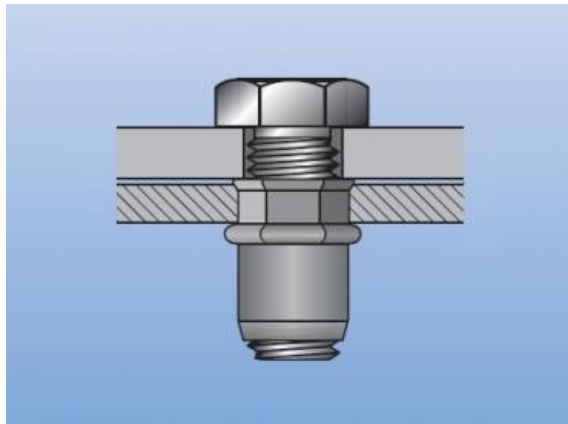
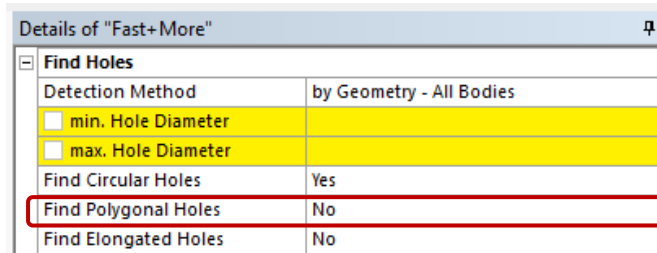


When all settings are done, the creation of the Fasteners
can be started with the right mouse button and "Generate".
Here you can also delete the Fasteners

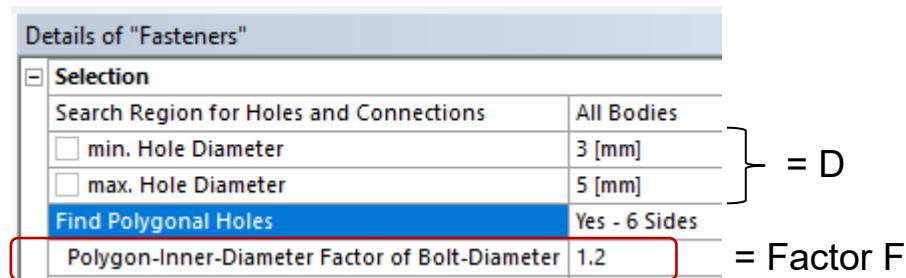
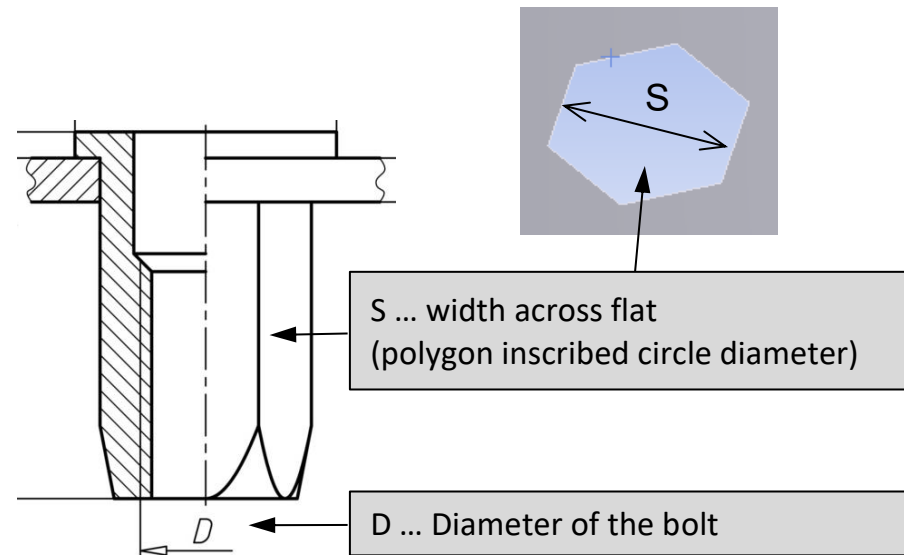
Open with the right mouse button

5.4 Find Polygonal Holes

Commonly used pop rivet nuts (clinch nuts) with hexagonal shaft need hexagonal holes. Fast+More allows to detect these kind of holes.



<http://www.maschinenhandel-sued.de/RIVKLE-Nietmuttern/RIVKLE--Einnietmuttern-Set-M3-M6-Senkkopf-209-Teile.html>



For polygons the search range for S is the Hole-Diameter D * Factor F

$$S = D * F$$

Geometry requirements for polygonal Holes:

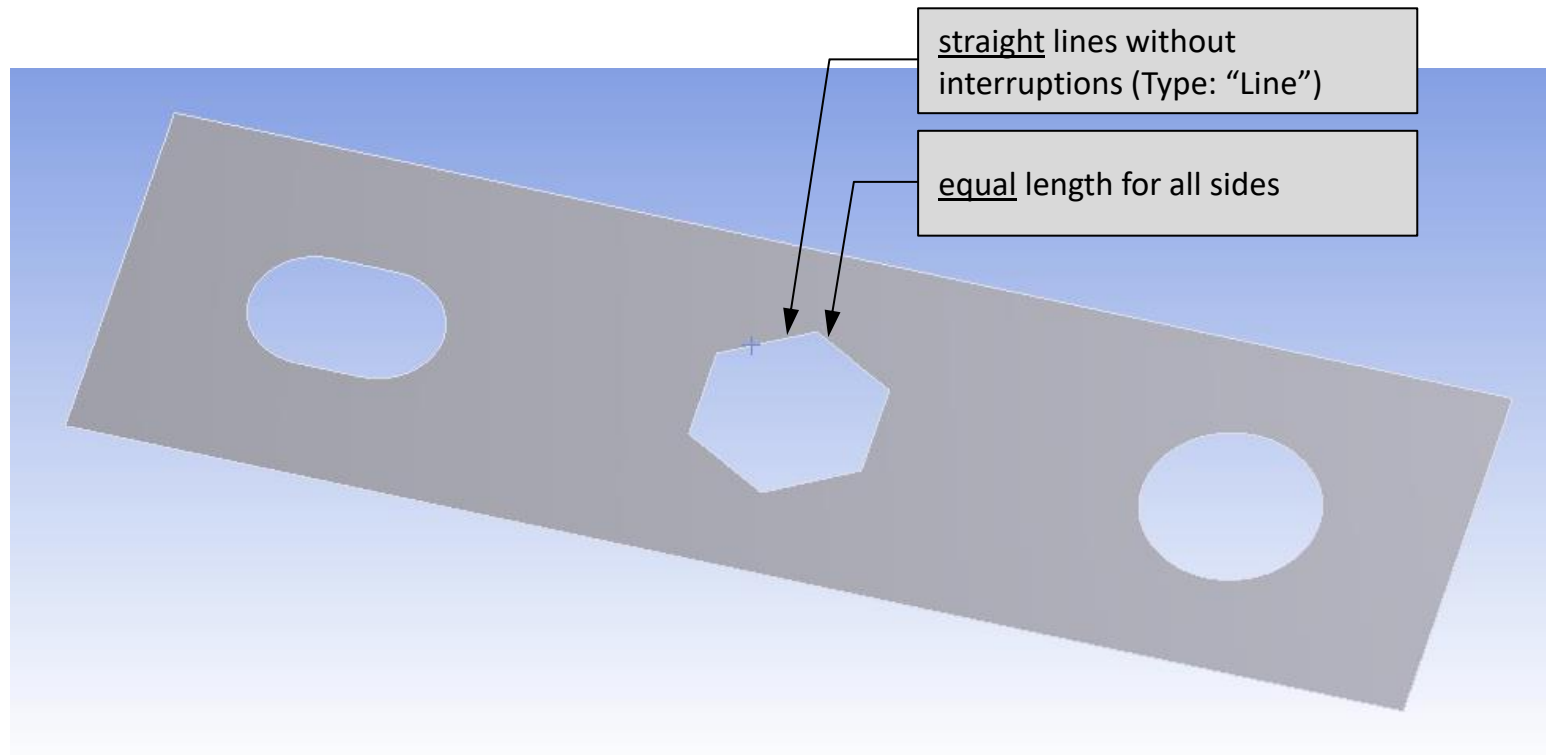
Selection	
Search Region for Holes and Connections	All Bodies
<input type="checkbox"/> min. Hole Diameter	
<input type="checkbox"/> max. Hole Diameter	
Find Polygonal Holes	Yes - User Defined Nb of Sides
Number of Polygon Sides	6
Polygon-Inner-Diameter Factor of Bolt-Diameter	1.2

No

Yes - 6 Sides

Yes - 4 to 8 Sides

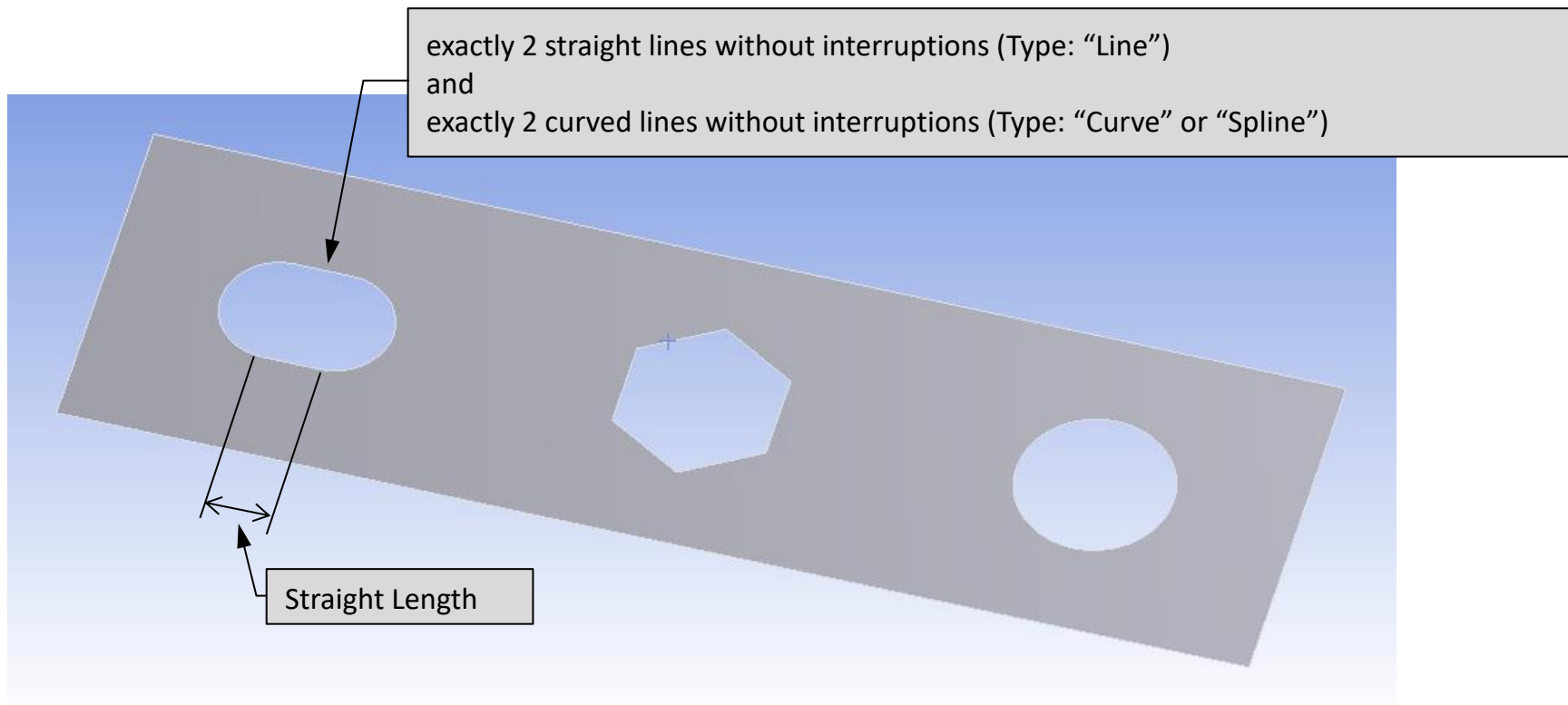
Yes - User Defined Nb of Sides



5.5 Find Elongated Holes

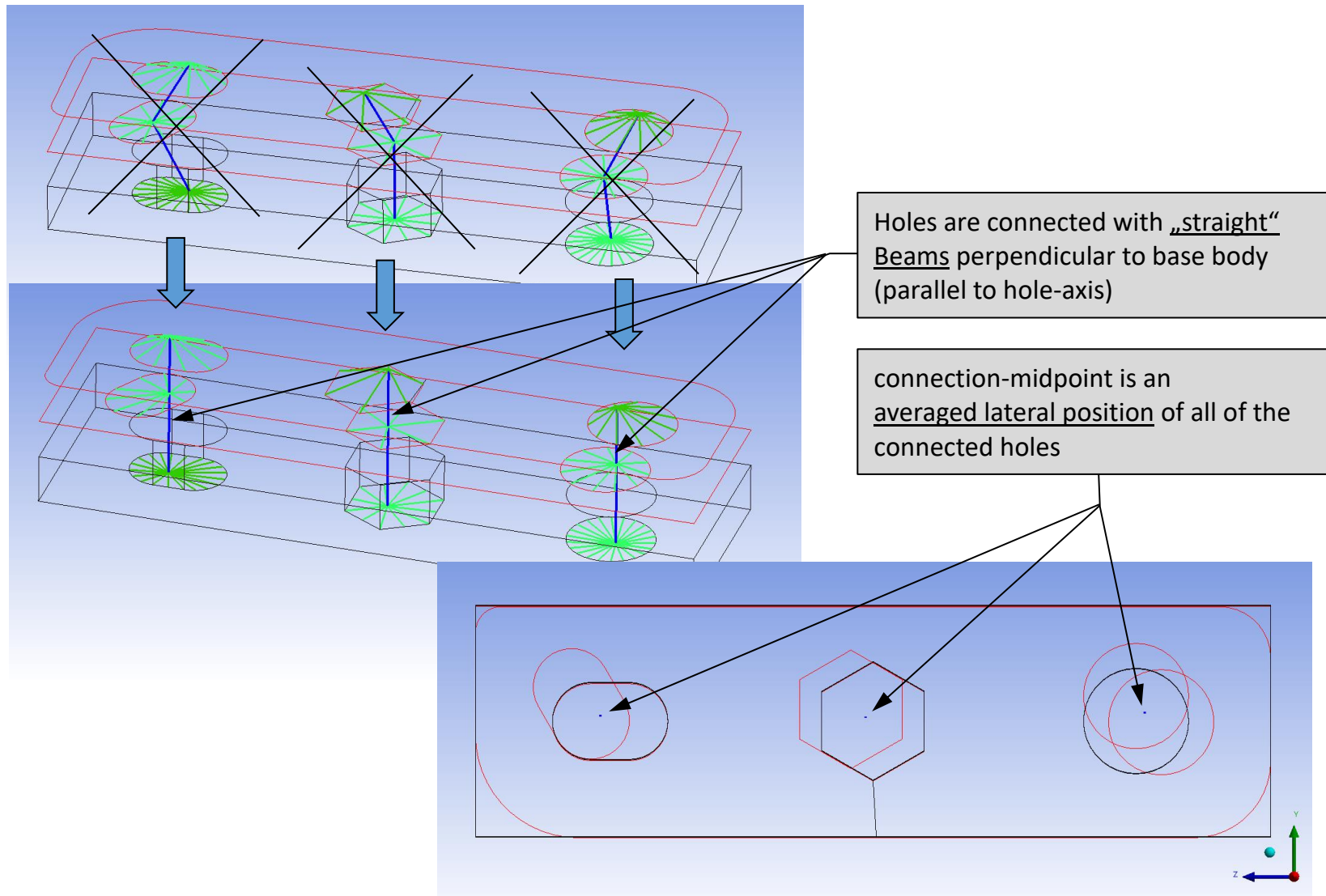
Selection	
Search Region for Holes and Connections	All Bodies
<input type="checkbox"/> min. Hole Diameter	
<input type="checkbox"/> max. Hole Diameter	
Find Polygonal Holes	No
Find Elongated Holes	Yes - Length by Value
Max straight Length by Value	1 [mm]

No
Yes - Length by Value
Yes - Length by Factor of Diameter

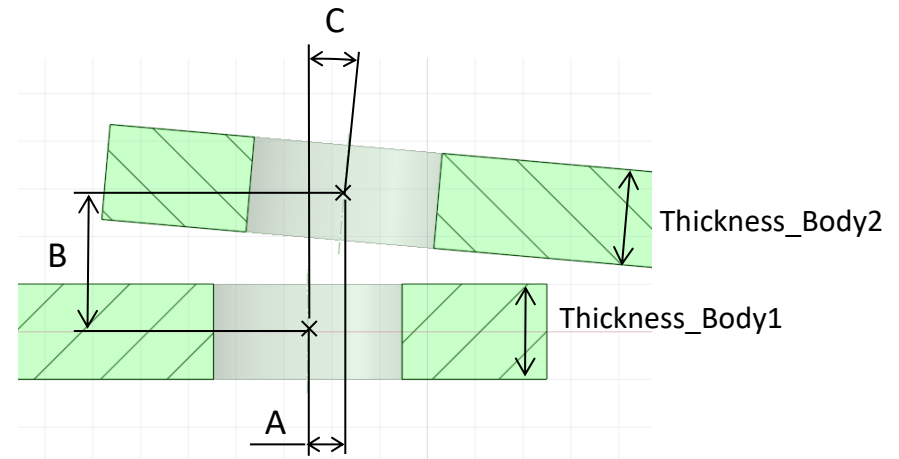
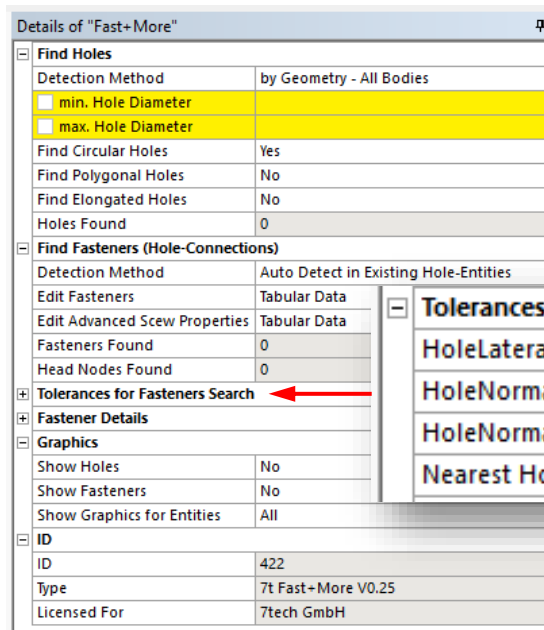


5.6 Holes connected with „straight“ Beams

If connected Holes have offset in their centroids the center Beam will stay „straight“ anyway::



5.7 Tolerances for Hole Connection Search



HoleLateralOffsetFactor:

... find hole pairs with lateral offset closer than

$$A = \text{HoleDiameter} * \text{HoleLateralOffsetFactor}$$

HoleNormalOffsetFactor:

... find hole pairs with axial centroid distance smaller than

$$B = (\text{Thickness_Body1} + \text{Thickness_Body2}) / 2 * \text{HoleNormalOffsetFactor}$$

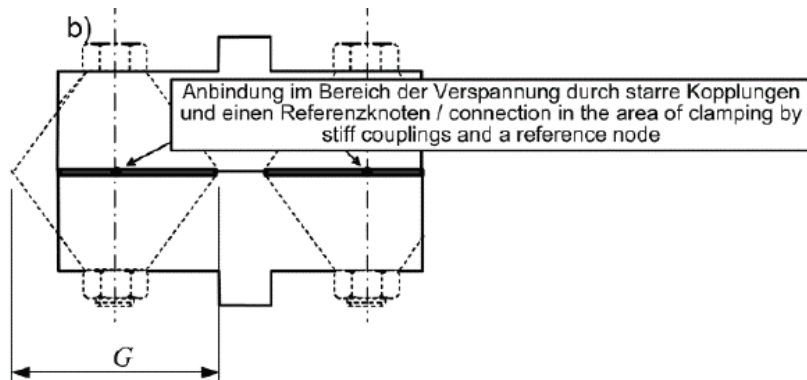
HoleNormalsAngleThreshold:

... find hole pairs with a axis deviation of less than **angle C**

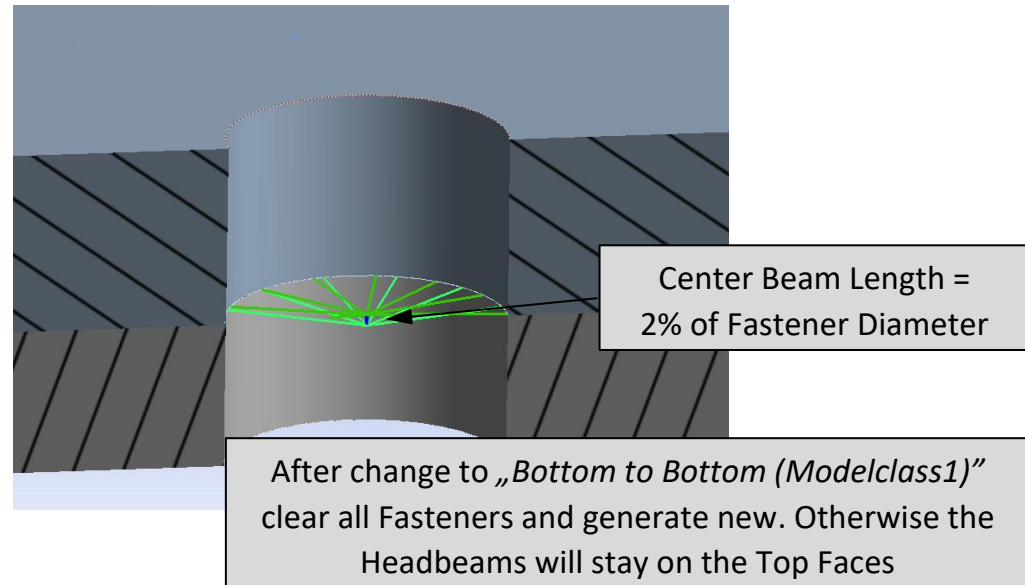
5.8 Modelling Methods for Fasteners

Fastener Details	
Fastener Type	Screw
Fastener Type Details for Assessment	e.g. Grade 8.8, shank bolt
Fastener Modelling Method (beta)	Beam
Fastener Diameter	Same as smallest Hole-Diameter
Fastener Length	Bottom to Bottom (Modelclass 1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Young's Modulus	200000 [MPa]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Poisson's Ratio	0.3
Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...)	Connect to Hole-Edge
Head Behavior	Beam
Head Beam Diameter	Same as Fastener-Diameter
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Beam Young's Modulus (PR=0.3)	200000 [MPa]
Allow Slip at First Load Step (beta)	No
Bolt Pretension (beta)	No

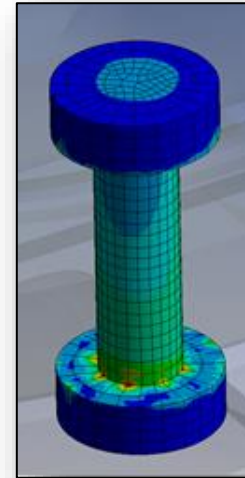
VDI 2230 Modelclass 1:



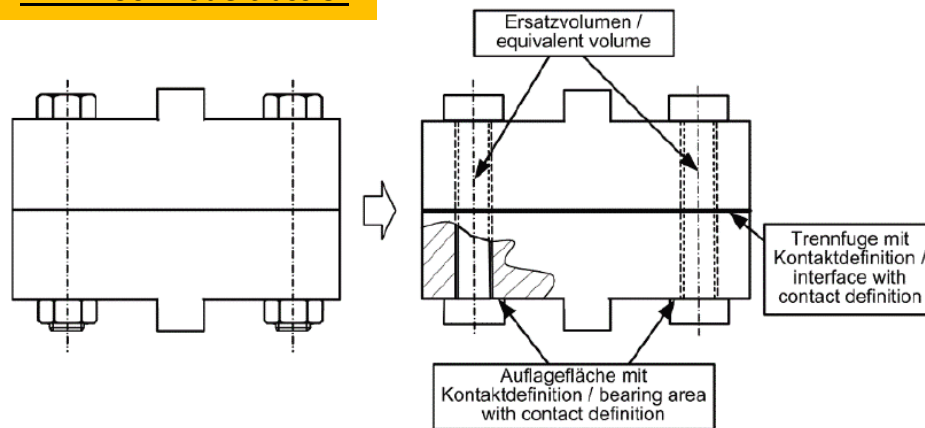
Source: VDI 2230 Part 2, Dec. 2014: Figure 55



Fastener Details	
Fastener Type	Screw
Fastener Type Details for Assessment	e.g. Grade 8.8, shank bolt
Fastener Modelling Method (beta)	Volume (beta)
Fastener Diameter	Same as smallest Hole-Diameter
Fastener Length	Top-to-Top (Modelclass 2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Young's Modulus	200000 [MPa]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Poisson's Ratio	0.3
Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...)	Connect to Hole-Edge
Head Behavior	Beam
Head Beam Diameter	Same as Fastener-Diameter
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Beam Young's Modulus (PR=0.3)	200000 [MPa]
Allow Slip at First Load Step (beta)	No
Bolt Pretension (beta)	No

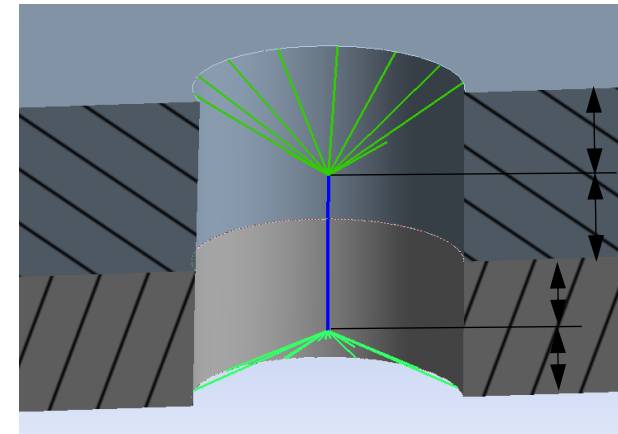


VDI 2230 Modelclass 3:

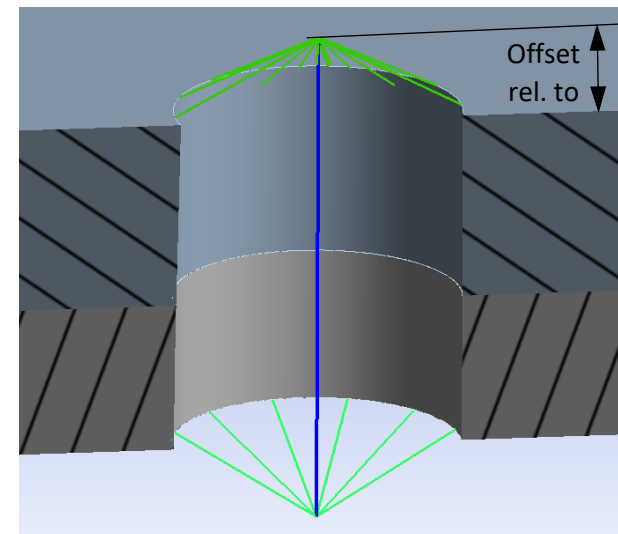


Source: VDI 2230 Part 2, Dec. 2014: Figure 57

Fastener Details	
Fastener Type	Screw
Fastener Type Details for Assessment	e.g. Grade 8.8, shank bolt
Fastener Modelling Method (beta)	Beam
Fastener Diameter	Same as smallest Hole-Diameter
Fastener Length	Mid to Mid
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Young's Modulus	200000 [MPa]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Poisson's Ratio	0.3
Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...)	Connect to Hole-Edge
Head Behavior	Beam
Head Beam Diameter	Same as Fastener-Diameter
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Beam Young's Modulus (PR=0.3)	200000 [MPa]
Allow Slip at First Load Step (beta)	No
Bolt Pretension (beta)	No



Fastener Details	
Fastener Type	Screw
Fastener Type Details for Assessment	e.g. Grade 8.8, shank bolt
Fastener Modelling Method (beta)	Beam
Fastener Diameter	Same as smallest Hole-Diameter
Fastener Length	Manual Offset rel. to Top
<input type="checkbox"/> Offset rel. to Top	4 [mm]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Young's Modulus	200000 [MPa]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Poisson's Ratio	0.3
Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...)	Connect to Hole-Edge
Head Behavior	Beam
Head Beam Diameter	Same as Fastener-Diameter
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Beam Young's Modulus (PR=0.3)	200000 [MPa]
Allow Slip at First Load Step (beta)	No
Bolt Pretension (beta)	No



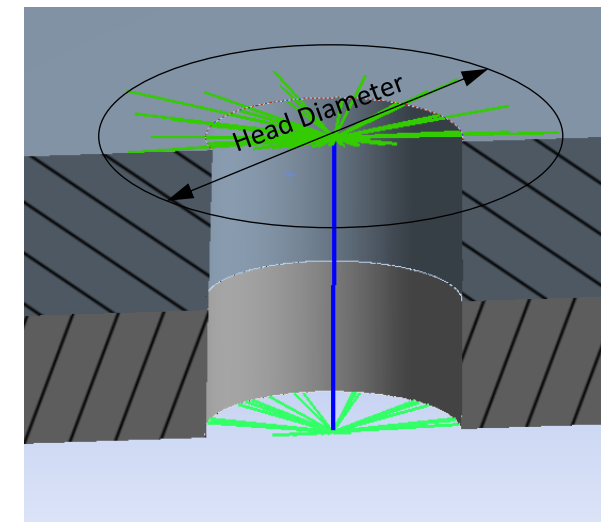
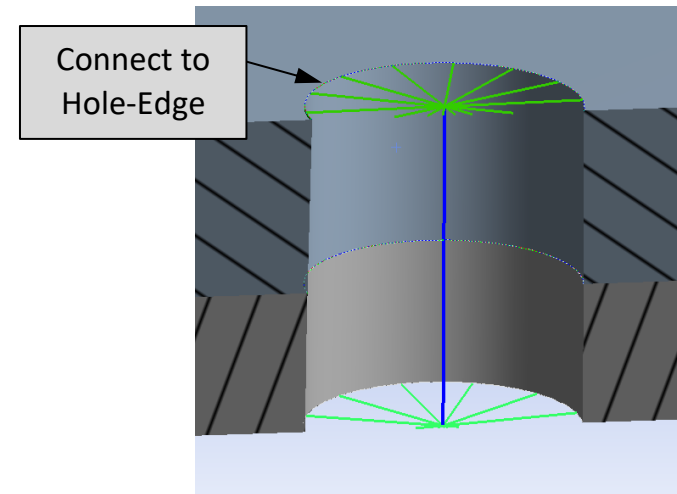
5.9 Modelling Methods for Fastener Heads

Fastener Details	
Fastener Type	Screw
Fastener Type Details for Assessment	e.g. Grade 8.8, shank bolt
Fastener Modelling Method (beta)	Beam
Fastener Diameter	Same as smallest Hole-Diameter
Fastener Length	Top to Top (Modelclass 2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Young's Modulus	200000 [MPa]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Poisson's Ratio	0.3
Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...)	Connect to Hole-Edge
Head Behavior	Beam
Head Beam Diameter	Same as Fastener-Diameter
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Beam Young's Modulus (PR=0.3)	200000 [MPa]

Settings for Fasteners Head Modelling

Beam
Beam
Rigid
Deformable

Manual
Same as Fastener-Diameter
Manual



Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...)	Factor of Bolt Diameter
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Diameter Factor	2

Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...)	Diameter Manual
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Diameter	16 [mm]

It's automatically detected if a Hole is going fully through the material (standard Hole) or if it is a "Blind Hole". For "Blind Holes" the length of the blue center beam and the detection of the Head nodes are treated differently.



6 Workflows to generate and edit Holes

6.1 by Geometry – All Bodies

Details of "Fast+More 2"

Find Holes	
Detection Method	by Geometry - All Bodies
<input type="checkbox"/> min. Hole Diameter	
<input type="checkbox"/> max. Hole Diameter	
Find Circular Holes	Yes
Find Polygonal Holes	No
Find Elongated Holes	No
Holes Found	0

The search for Holes will be done across **all bodies**

6.2 by Geometry – Selected Geometry

Details of "Fast+More 2"

Find Holes	
Detection Method	by Geometry - Selected Geometry
Scoping Method	Geometry Selection
Geometry	
<input type="checkbox"/> min. Hole Diameter	
<input type="checkbox"/> max. Hole Diameter	
Find Circular Holes	Yes
Find Polygonal Holes	No
Find Elongated Holes	No
Holes Found	0

This option allows to **limit the search** for Holes to a **selected region** of the model.
Geometry Selection or Names Selections can be used.
Edges, Faces or Bodies can be selected

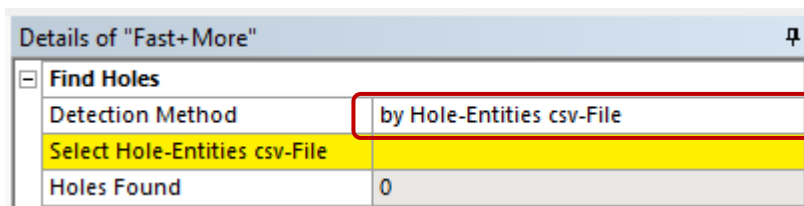


6.3 by Hole Entities csv-File

With the first search for Holes and Fasteners csv Files are written in the working directory. This files contain all of the Hole-Properties. The Files can be edited with an external Software (e.g. MS Excel) and reimported in Fast+More. In this case no additional search for holes on the geometry will be done.

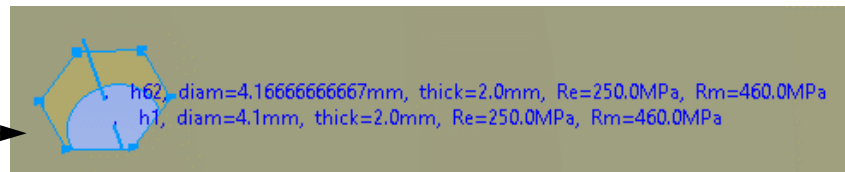
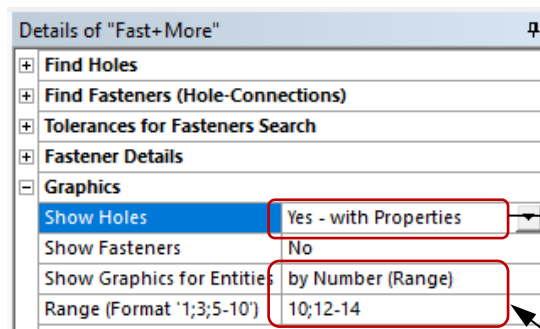
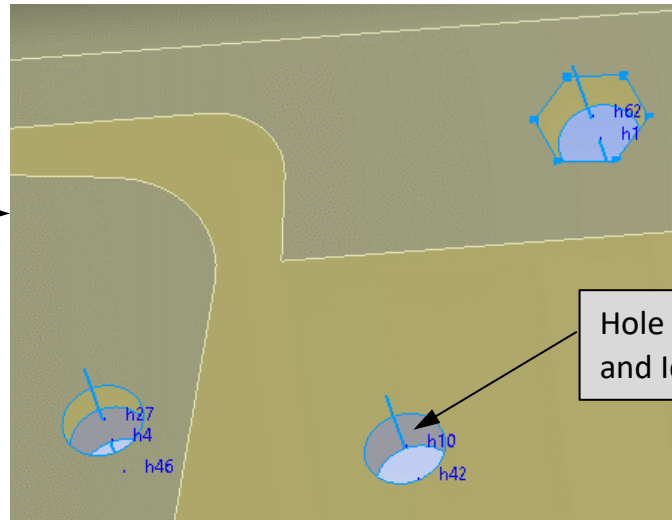
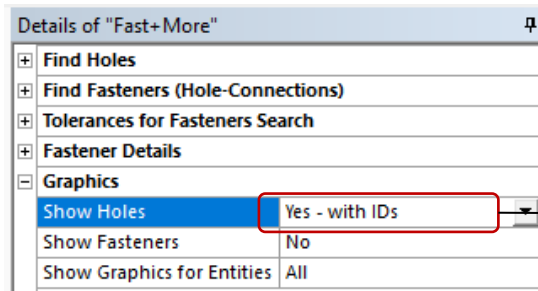
This workflow is useful e.g. if the global FEA-model should be more simplified and the geometry-holes are deleted for a coarser mesh. Compare Section 0 on page 39.

If you have Hole data coming from an external Software (e.g. CAD or manufacturing data) they can formatted like the default csv-File and be imported in Fast+More.



7t-FM_Pre_619_Holes.csv													N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	
1	7t Fast+More V1.1 - Holes from load object: 619																				
2	Unit System: [mm, kg, N]																				
3																					
4	Id	Diameter	HoleType	Thickness	Yield Strength	Ultimate Strength	Allowed Strength	ThreadedHole	ThreadedHole	Pos.X [mm]	Pos.Y [mm]	Pos.Z [mm]	Axis.X	Axis.Y	Axis.Z	Body-Ids	CylinderFace	Top-Edge-Id	Bottom-Edge-Id	HeadNode-Id	Suppress
5	0	6.6	circular	2.0000001	250	460	250	False	0.825	-53.8686197	166.987885	-81.9999993	0.24869025	0.96858307	0	[16819]	[16750]	[16782]	[16791]	[16782]	False
6	1	6.6	circular	2.0000001	250	460	250	False	0.825	4.24636387	152.066471	-81.9999993	0.24869025	0.96858307	0	[16819]	[16751]	[16781]	[16792]	[16781]	False
7	2	6.6	circular	2.0000001	250	460	250	False	0.825	62.3613485	137.145056	-81.9999993	0.24869025	0.96858307	0	[16819]	[16761]	[16780]	[16802]	[16780]	False
8	3	6.6	circular	2.0000001	250	460	250	False	0.825	120.476332	122.223641	-81.9999993	0.24869025	0.96858307	0	[16819]	[16762]	[16779]	[16801]	[16779]	False
9	4	6.6	circular	2.0000001	250	460	250	False	0.825	152.342923	114.041678	-20.0000001	0.24869025	0.96858307	0	[16819]	[16763]	[16778]	[16800]	[16778]	False
10	5	6.6	circular	2.0000001	250	460	250	False	0.825	152.342923	114.041678	20.0000001	0.24869025	0.96858307	0	[16819]	[16764]	[16777]	[16799]	[16777]	False
11	6	6.6	circular	2.0000001	250	460	250	False	0.825	120.476332	122.223641	81.9999993	0.24869025	0.96858307	0	[16819]	[16765]	[16776]	[16798]	[16776]	False
12	7	6.6	circular	2.0000001	250	460	250	False	0.825	62.3613485	137.145056	81.9999993	0.24869025	0.96858307	0	[16819]	[16766]	[16775]	[16797]	[16775]	False

6.4 Show found Holes on geometry



find a desired Hole by
it's Id in the geometry

7 Workflows to Generate and Edit Fasteners

Generally there are two separated data sets in Fast+More (compare Section 4 on page 14):

- **Holes:** contains all properties of a Hole (location, diameter, axis vector, ...) and the Part (material properties, ...)
- **Fasteners:** contains links to *Holes* and contains all properties of the Fastener (type, diameter, material properties, ...)

All Search Algorithms for Fasteners are based on existing Datasets of Hole-Entities.

7.1 Auto Detect in Existing Hole-Entities

With Fastener Detection Method “*Auto Detect in Existing Hole-Entities*” the Algorithm searches in the existing data set of all previously (or automatically detected) Holes. It does not matter which method was used to create the *Hole* Datasets. For different methods to generate *Hole* see section 6 on page 32.

Find Fasteners (Hole-Connections)	
Detection Method	Auto Detect in Existing Hole-Entities
Edit Fasteners	Tabular Data
Edit Advanced ScREW Properties	Tabular Data
Fasteners Found	0
Head Nodes Found	0

With Fastener Detection Method “*Auto Detect in Existing Hole-Entities*” the Fasteners were created with the general properties and setting defined in “Fastener Details”:

Fastener Details	
Fastener Type	Screw
Fastener Type Details for Assessment	e.g. Grade 8.8, shank bolt
Fastener Modelling Method (beta)	Beam
Fastener Diameter	Same as smallest Hole-Diameter
Fastener Length	Top to Top (Modelclass 2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Young's Modulus	200000 [MPa]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Poisson's Ratio	0.3
Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...)	Factor of Bolt Diameter
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Diameter Factor	2
Head Behavior	Beam
Head Beam Diameter	Same as Fastener-Diameter
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Beam Young's Modulus (PR=0.3)	200000 [MPa]
Allow Slip at First Load Step (beta)	No
Bolt Pretension (beta)	No

7.2 by Fastener-Entities csv-File

With the first search for Fasteners csv Files are written in the working directory. This files contain all of the Fastener-Properties. The Files can be edited with an external Software (e.g. MS Excel) and reimported in Fast+More. In this case no additional search for Fasteners will be done. The general properties and setting in “Fastener Details” are ignored.

This workflow is useful e.g. if many different kinds of fasteners are used with different local setting – and if these settings should be reused for similar models.

Find Fasteners (Hole-Connections)

Detection Method	by Fastener-Entities csv-File
Select Fastener-Entities csv-File	
Edit Fasteners	Tabular Data
Edit Advanced Screw Properties	Tabular Data

Fasteners are created based on Holes in the surrounding (with distance tolerance value) of the Fastener-Centroid. If there are no Holes in this surrounding no Fastener will be created.

Tolerances for Fasteners Search

HoleLateralOffsetFactor (*Hole Diameter)	0.2
HoleNormalOffsetFactor (*Thickness)	3
HoleNormalsAngleThreshold	10 [deg]
Nearest Hole Distance by Factor of Diameter	1.5

7t-FM_Pre_619_Fasteners.csv

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G		O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y
1	7t Fast+More V1.1 - Fastener-Entities from load object: 619																		
2	Unit System: [mm, kg, N]																		
3																			
4	Fastener Type	TypeDetails	Diameter	Length	Type	Head	Element	Young's M	Poisson's	Yield	Ultir	Allo	Connect	Head Di	Head Be	HeadBe	HeadBe	HeadBe	Hole Ids
5	1	Screw	e.g. Grade 8	5	Top to Top (	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	10.56	Beam	5	200000	0.3	[178, 0]
6	2	Screw	e.g. Grade 8	5	Top to Top (	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	10.56	Beam	5	200000	0.3	[177, 1]
7	3	Screw	e.g. Grade 8	5	Top to Top (	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	10.56	Beam	5	200000	0.3	[176, 2]
8	4	Screw	e.g. Grade 8	5	Top to Top (	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	10.56	Beam	5	200000	0.3	[175, 3]
9	5	Screw	e.g. Grade 8	5	Top to Top (	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	10.56	Beam	5	200000	0.3	[174, 4]
10	6	Screw	e.g. Grade 8	5	Top to Top (	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	10.56	Beam	5	200000	0.3	[173, 5]
11	7	Screw	e.g. Grade 8	5	Top to Top (	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	10.56	Beam	5	200000	0.3	[172, 6]
12	8	Screw	e.g. Grade 8	5	Top to Top (	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	10.56	Beam	5	200000	0.3	[171, 7]
13	9	Screw	e.g. Grade 8	5	Top to Top (	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	10.56	Beam	5	200000	0.3	[169, 8]

7.3 Edit Fasteners Table

After generating Fasteners each single Fastener can be edited or deleted in the “Edit Fasteners” Table:

Details of "Fast+More"

Find Holes

Detection Method: by Geometry - All Bodies

☐ min. Hole Diameter: 4 [mm]

☐ max. Hole Diameter: 25 [mm]

Find Circular Holes: Yes

Find Polygonal Holes: No

Find Elongated Holes: No

Holes Found: 199

Find Fasteners (Hole-Connections)

Detection Method: Auto Detect in Existing Hole-Entities

Edit Fasteners Apply Cancel

Edit Advanced Screw Properties: Tabular Data

Fasteners Found: 94

Head Nodes Found: 3933

Tolerances for Fasteners Search

HoleLateralOffsetFactor (*Hole Diameter): 0.2

HoleNormalOffsetFactor (*Thickness): 3

HoleNormalsAngleThreshold: 10 [deg]

Nearest Hole Distance by Factor of Diameter: 1.5

Fastener Details

Fastener Type: Screw

Fastener Type Details for Assessment: e.g. Grade 8.8, shank

Fastener Modelling Method (beta): Beam

Fastener Diameter: Same as sm

Fastener Length: Bottom to e

☐ Fastener Young's Modulus: 200000 [MPa]

☐ Fastener Poisson's Ratio: 0.3

Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...): Conne

Head Behavior: Beam

Head Beam Diameter: Same as sm

☐ Head Beam Young's Modulus (PR=0.3): 200000 [MPa]

Allow Slip at First Load Step (beta): No

Bolt Pretension (beta): No

Graphics

Show Holes: No

Edit Fasteners

Id	Type	Type Details	Modelling Method	Diameter	Length Type	Head-Offset	Young's Modulus	Poisson's Ratio	Head Behavior	On to Hole-Edge	Head Diameter	Hole Ids	Skip Hole Ids	ist Hole Threading	X Centroid	Y Centroid	Z Centroid	Suppress
1	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	10.56 [mm]	[178, 0]	No	No	-55.1742 [mm]	161.9028 [mm]	-82 [mm]	No
2	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	10.56 [mm]	[177, 1]	No	No	2.9407 [mm]	146.9814 [mm]	-82 [mm]	No
3	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	10.56 [mm]	[176, 2]	No	No	61.0557 [mm]	132.06 [mm]	-82 [mm]	No
4	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	10.56 [mm]	[175, 3]	No	No	119.1707 [mm]	117.1386 [mm]	-82 [mm]	No
5	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	10.56 [mm]	[174, 4]	No	No	151.0373 [mm]	108.9566 [mm]	-20 [mm]	No
6	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	10.56 [mm]	[173, 5]	No	No	151.0373 [mm]	108.9566 [mm]	20 [mm]	No
7	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	10.56 [mm]	[172, 6]	No	No	119.1707 [mm]	117.1386 [mm]	82 [mm]	No
8	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	10.56 [mm]	[171, 7]	No	No	61.0557 [mm]	132.06 [mm]	82 [mm]	No
9	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	10.56 [mm]	[169, 8]	No	No	-55.1742 [mm]	161.9028 [mm]	82 [mm]	No
10	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	10.56 [mm]	[170, 9]	No	No	2.9407 [mm]	146.9814 [mm]	82 [mm]	No
11	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	10.56 [mm]	[167, 10]	No	No	-87.0408 [mm]	170.0848 [mm]	-20 [mm]	No
12	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	10.56 [mm]	[168, 11]	No	No	-87.0408 [mm]	170.0848 [mm]	20 [mm]	No
13	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	8.5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	17.6 [mm]	[185, 76]	No	Yes	-215 [mm]	-64 [mm]	179.875 [mm]	No
14	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	8.5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	17.6 [mm]	[12, 61]	No	Yes	-215 [mm]	-64 [mm]	-179.875 [mm]	No
15	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	8.5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	17.6 [mm]	[184, 77]	No	Yes	-252.6183 [mm]	-51.7771 [mm]	179.875 [mm]	No
16	Screw	Grade 8.8, shank	Beam	8.5 [mm]	Bottom ...	5 [mm]	200000 [MPa]	0.3	Beam	Yes	17.6 [mm]	[13, 62]	No	Yes	-252.6183 [mm]	-51.7771 [mm]	-179.875 [mm]	No

Find Fasteners (Hole-Connections)

Detection Method: Auto Detect in Existing Hole-Entities

Edit Fasteners Apply Cancel

Edit Advanced Screw Properties: Tabular Data

Fasteners Found: 94

Head Nodes Found: 3933

Tolerances for Fasteners Search

HoleLateralOffsetFactor (*Hole Diameter): 0.2

HoleNormalOffsetFactor (*Thickness): 3

HoleNormalsAngleThreshold: 10 [deg]

Nearest Hole Distance by Factor of Diameter: 1.5

Fastener Details

Fastener Type: Screw

Fastener Type Details for Assessment: e.g. Grade 8.8, shank

Fastener Modelling Method (beta): Beam

Fastener Diameter: Same as sm

Fastener Length: Bottom to e

☐ Fastener Young's Modulus: 200000 [MPa]

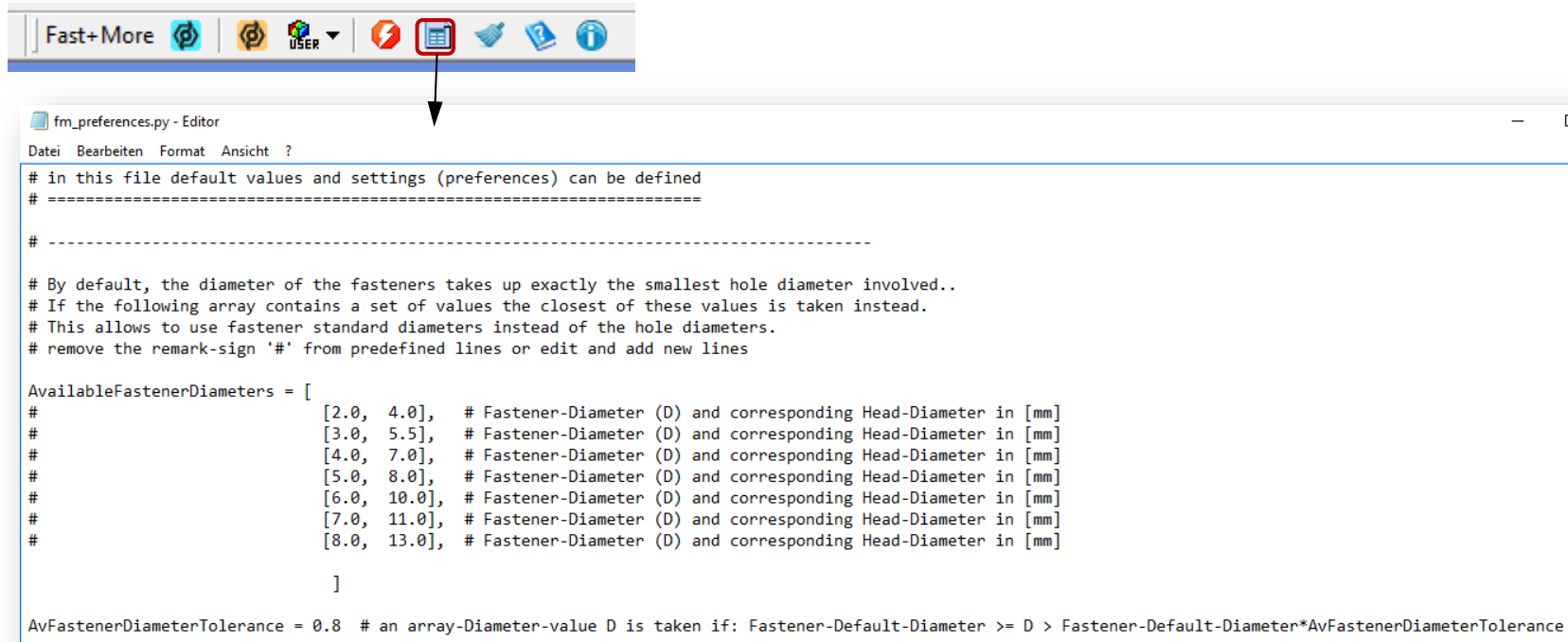
☐ Fastener Poisson's Ratio: 0.3

Edit Advanced Screw Properties

Id	Type	Include Slip Effect	Workingload for Slip	Slip Coefficient for Slip	Max Slip Distance	Bolt Pretension	PreLoad	PreAdjustment	Pretension Loadstep	Bolt Embedding
1	Screw	No	0 [N]	0.1	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	0 [mm]	1	0 [mm]
2	Screw	No	0 [N]	0.1	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	0 [mm]	1	0 [mm]
3	Screw	No	0 [N]	0.1	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	0 [mm]	1	0 [mm]
4	Screw	No	0 [N]	0.1	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	0 [mm]	1	0 [mm]
5	Screw	No	0 [N]	0.1	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	0 [mm]	1	0 [mm]
6	Screw	No	0 [N]	0.1	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	0 [mm]	1	0 [mm]
7	Screw	No	0 [N]	0.1	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	0 [mm]	1	0 [mm]
8	Screw	No	0 [N]	0.1	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	0 [mm]	1	0 [mm]

7.4 Fasteners with standard Diameter by using Preferences File

Per default the diameter of each Fastener is taken from the smallest of the corresponding Holes. For rivets this is a proper diameter – for screws this is normally not the intended Diameter. Screws should get standard diameters. This can be obtained using the preferences File. Here standard diameters can be defined:



For the handling of the preferences file see also section 11.3 on page 69.

7.5 Model with Geometry-Holes deleted

For big FEA models with a large number of small holes (e.g. riveted sheet metal boxes) it can be useful to delete the small holes to obtain a coarser mesh with less distortion. Use the following workflow to define the Fasteners in this case:

Details of "Fast+More"

Find Holes

Detection Method: by Geometry - All Bodies

☐ min. Hole Diameter: 3 [mm]

☐ max. Hole Diameter: 15 [mm]

Find Circular Holes: Yes

Find Polygonal Holes: Yes - 6 Sides

Polygon-Inner-Diameter Factor of Bolt-Diameter: 1.2

Find Elongated Holes: Yes - Length by Value

Max straight Length by Value: 5 [mm]

Holes Found: 67

Find Fasteners (Hole-Connections)

Tolerances for Fasteners Search

Fastener Details

Fastener Type: Screw

Fastener Type Details for Assessment: e.g. Grade 8.8, shank bolt

Fastener Modelling Method (beta): Beam

Fastener Diameter: Same as smallest Hole-Diameter

Fastener Length: Mid to Mid

☐ Fastener Young's Modulus: 200000 [MPa]

☐ Fastener Poisson's Ratio: 0.3

Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...): Connect to Hole-Edge

Head Behavior: Beam

Head Beam Diameter: Same as Fastener-Diameter

☐ Head Beam Young's Modulus (PR=0.3): 200000 [MPa]

Allow Slip at First Load Step (beta): No

Bolt Pretension (beta): No

Graphics

Show Holes: No

Show Fasteners: Yes - with Fastener IDs

Show Graphics for Entities: All

ID

ID: 8093

Type: 7t Fast+More V1.1

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1. generate Fasteners as usual based on a Geometry Model including the Holes

with geometry holes

2. find the corresponding csv Files in the working directory

7t-FM_Pre_8093_Fasteners.csv

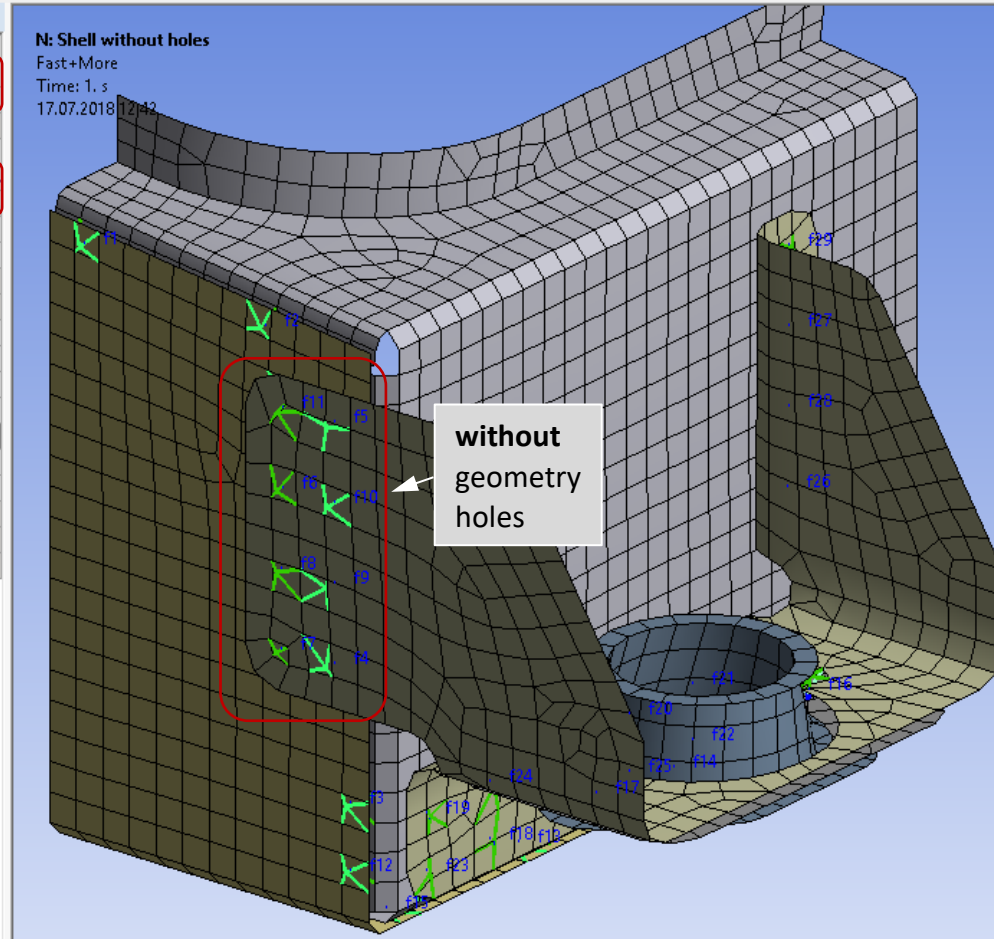
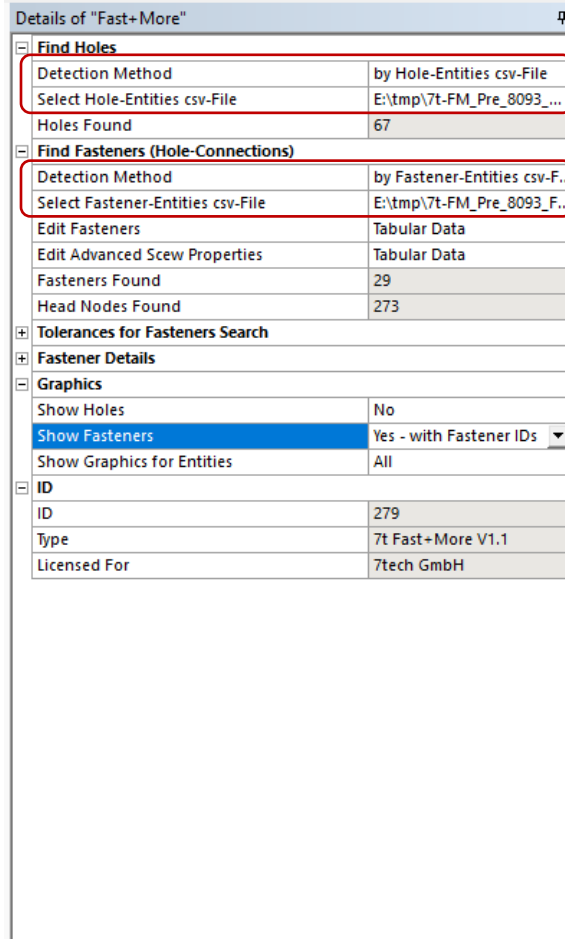
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Id	Diameter	HoleType	Thickness	Yield Str	Ultimate	Allowed	Threaded	Threaded	Pos.X [m]	Pos.Y [m]	Pos.Z [m]	Axis.X	Axis.Y	Axis.Z	Body-Ids	CylinderId	Top-Edge	Bottom-f	HeadNoc	Suppress
0	4.1	circular	2	250	460	250	False	0.5125	134	7.78818	153.842	1	0	0	[1280]	[1]	[1254]	[1254]	[1254]	False
1	4.1	circular	2	250	460	250	False	0.5125	134	62.3025	147.694	1	0	0	[1280]	[1]	[1255]	[1255]	[1255]	False
2	4.3	circular	2	250	460	250	False	0.5375	134	88	33.0151	1	0	0	[1280]	[1]	[1260]	[1260]	[1260]	False

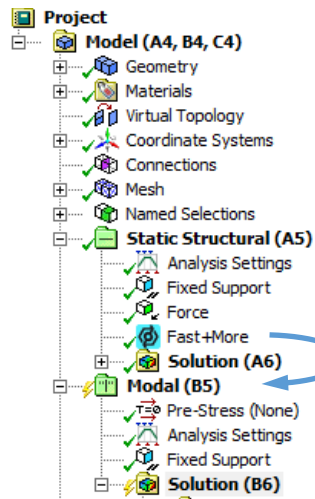
Fastener Type	TypeDet	Diameter	LengthTy	HeadOff	Element	Young's	Poisson's	Yield Str	Ultimate	Allowed	Connect	Head Dia	Head Bea	Head Bea	Head Bea	Hole Ids	Intersec.	X Contro	Y Contro	Z Contro	Connect	Suppress		
1	Screw	e.g. Grac	4.1	Mid to N	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	6.66667	Beam	4.1	200000	0.3	[61, 0]	[0]	133	7.78818	153.842	True	False
2	Screw	e.g. Grac	4.1	Mid to N	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	6.66667	Beam	4.1	200000	0.3	[62, 1]	[1]	133	62.3025	147.694	True	False
3	Screw	e.g. Grac	4.1	Mid to N	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	6.88	Beam	4.1	200000	0.3	[2, 25]	[2]	133	88	33.0151	True	False
4	Screw	e.g. Grac	4.1	Mid to N	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	6.56	Beam	4.1	200000	0.3	[23, 3, 47]	[3, 4]	134.5	84.5	68	True	False
5	Screw	e.g. Grac	4.1	Mid to N	0	Beam	200000	0.3	0	0	0	True	6.56	Beam	4.1	200000	0.3	[27, 4, 46]	[5, 6]	134.5	84.5	129.5	True	False

3. copy the geometry model, delete the holes and mesh (coarse)

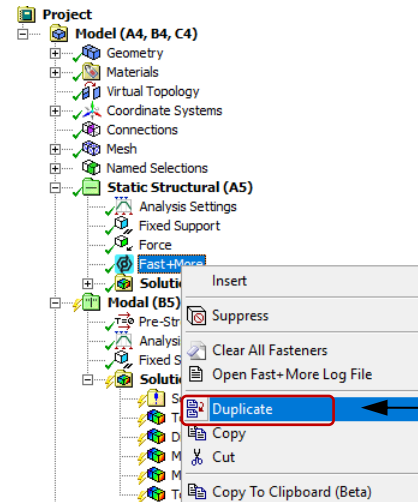
4. import the csv files in the new FEA model



7.6 Drag and Drop of Fast+More Entity / Copy to another Analysis



Reuse a Fast+More object with **Drag & Drop** (with pressed left mouse button)



Reuse a Fast+More object with RMB **Duplicate**

7.7 Multiple Fast+More Objects in one Analysis

For different Types of Fasteners in one FEA model you can work with multiple Fast+More objects in tree. This allows to edit the global properties separately for these groups of Fasteners:

The screenshot illustrates the configuration of multiple Fast+More objects within a single FEA analysis. The tree structure on the left shows the hierarchy from the model to the solution and various result sets. Three detail windows are open, each corresponding to a specific fastener group defined in the tree.

Tree Structure:

- Modal (B5)
 - Pre-Stress (None)
 - Analysis Settings
 - Fixed Support
 - Fast+More D=4 mm
 - Fast+More D=11 mm
- Solution (B6)
 - Solution Information
 - Total Deformation
 - Directional Deformation
 - Maximum Principal Stress
 - Maximum Principal Elastic Strain
 - Total Deformation 2

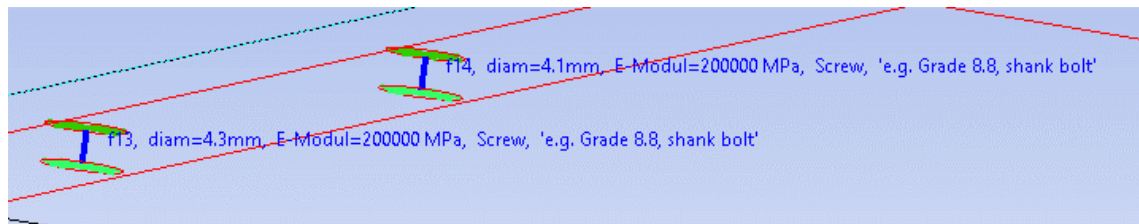
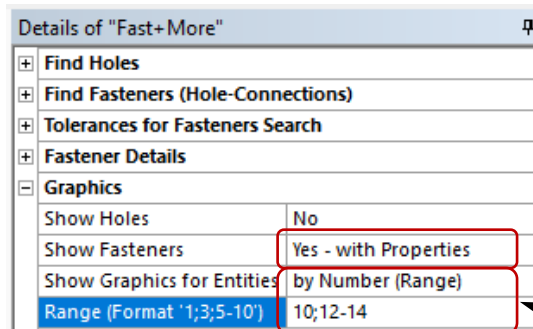
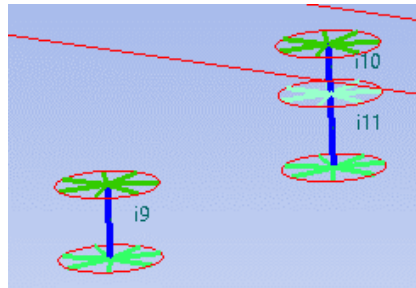
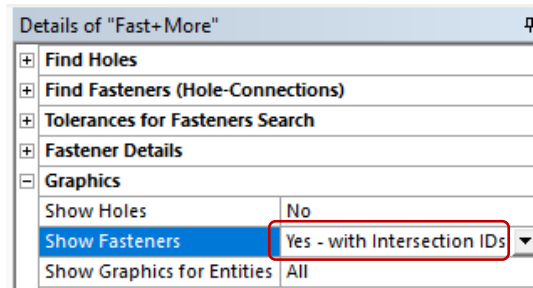
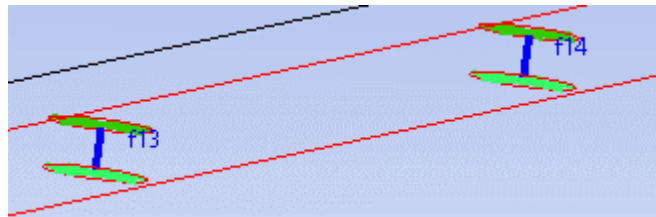
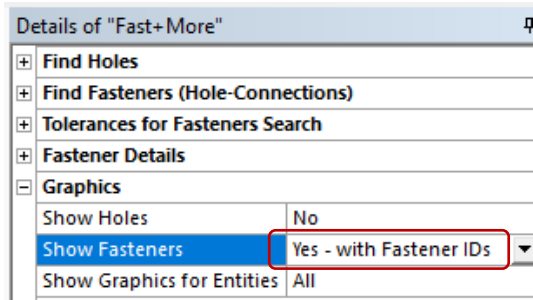
Details of "Fast+More D=4 mm"

Find Holes	
Detection Method	by Geometry - All Bodies
<input type="checkbox"/> min. Hole Diameter	3 [mm]
<input type="checkbox"/> max. Hole Diameter	6 [mm]
Find Circular Holes	Yes
Find Polygonal Holes	Yes - 6 Sides
Polygon-Inner-Diameter Factor of Bolt-Diameter	1.2
Find Elongated Holes	Yes - Length by Value
Max straight Length by Value	3 [mm]
Holes Found	59
Find Fasteners (Hole-Connections)	
Tolerances for Fasteners Search	
Fastener Details	
Fastener Type	Rivet
Fastener Type Details for Assessment	Type A
Fastener Modelling Method (beta)	Beam
Fastener Diameter	Same as smallest Hole-Diameter
Fastener Length	Mid to Mid
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Young's Modulus	200000 [MPa]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Poisson's Ratio	0.3
Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...)	Connect to Hole-Edge
Head Behavior	Beam
Head Beam Diameter	Same as Fastener-Diameter
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Beam Young's Modulus (PR=0.3)	200000 [MPa]

Details of "Fast+More D=11 mm"

Find Holes	
Detection Method	by Geometry - All Bodies
<input type="checkbox"/> min. Hole Diameter	8 [mm]
<input type="checkbox"/> max. Hole Diameter	13 [mm]
Find Circular Holes	Yes
Find Polygonal Holes	No
Find Elongated Holes	No
Holes Found	6
Find Fasteners (Hole-Connections)	
Tolerances for Fasteners Search	
Fastener Details	
Fastener Type	Screw
Fastener Type Details for Assessment	e.g. Grade 8.8, shank bolt
Fastener Modelling Method (beta)	Beam
Fastener Diameter	Same as smallest Hole-Diameter
Fastener Length	Mid to Mid
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Young's Modulus	200000 [MPa]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Poisson's Ratio	0.3
Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...)	Connect to Hole-Edge
Head Behavior	Beam
Head Beam Diameter	Same as Fastener-Diameter
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Beam Young's Modulus (PR=0.3)	200000 [MPa]
Allow Slip at First Load Step (beta)	No
Bolt Pretension (beta)	No

7.8 Show found Fasteners on geometry



find a desired Fastener by
it's Id in the geometry

8 Postprocessing

8.1 Plot Results on Holes

The screenshot displays the ANSYS R18.0 postprocessing environment. The top toolbar includes the 'Fast+More' logo and various icons, with the 'Postprocessing' icon highlighted by a red box and an arrow pointing to the 'Details of Lateral Force' panel.

Details of "Lateral Force"

Filter Output	
Scoping Method	Geometry Selection
Geometry	1 Face
Definition	
Type	Lateral Force
Calculate Time History	Yes
By	Time
<input type="checkbox"/> Display Time	Last
ID	
ID	11403
Type	7t Fasteners V0.11
Licensed For	7tech GmbH
Results	
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum	3.876 N
<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum	18.547 N

A: Static Structural
Fastener_Post
Expression: RES136
Unit: N
Time: 2
26.04.2017 23:55

54.856 Max
48.865
42.874

You can restrict the plot to a Geometry Selection

Lateral Force
Axial Force(Tension only)
Axial Force(Tension and Compression)
Total Force
Bending Moment
Torsion Moment
Utilization of Lateral Force
Utilization of Axial Force
Utilization of Bending Moment
Utilization of Torsion Moment
Max. Utilization
Safety Factor for Lateral Force
Safety Factor for Axial Force (Tension only)
Safety Factor for Bending Moment
Safety Factor for Torsion Moment
Min. Safety Factor
Allowed Lateral Force
Allowed Axial Force
Allowed Bending Moment
Allowed Torsion Moment

Allowed Values Missing
Diameter
Thickness of connected bodies

ANSYS R18.0

Max

Z
Y
X

8.2 Allowed Forces and Moments for Assessment

If a *Utilization* or a *Safety Factor* is selected allowed forces and moments have to be defined:

Details of "Safety Factor for Lateral Force"

Filter Output

Scoping Method: All Bodies

Definition

Type: Safety Factor for Lateral Force

Allowed Values for Assessment: Tabular Data

Read Allowed Values from csv-File

Calculate Time History: Yes

By: Time

☐ Display Time: Last

ID

ID: 11472

Type: 7t Fasteners V0.11

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Results

☐ Minimum

☐ Maximum

Minimum Occurs On

Maximum Occurs On

If you select a Postprocessing-Value (like Safety Factor) which needs *Allowed Values* for an assessment new lines appears where a table can be opened. Here you can define the allowed limits for the assessment.


For **Rivets** the strength (allowed Forces) can be depending on the **Thickness** of the connected sheet metal. With thinner sheets the rivet can be pulled out earlier. Therefore the allowed Forces can be defined depending on the sheet thickness. If 0 this parameter is ignored.

Allowed Values for Assessment

Type	Type Details	FROM Diameter	TO Diameter (excl.)	FROM sheet Thickness	TO sheet Thickn.(excl.)	Sheet Metal Material	Allowed Lateral Force	Allowed Axial Force	Allowed Bending Moment
Screw	Grade 8.8, shan...	4 [mm]	5 [mm]	0 [mm]	0 [mm]	All			0 [N mm]
Screw	Grade 8.8, shan...	11 [mm]	12 [mm]	0 [mm]	0 [mm]	All			0 [N mm]


7t_FastenersAssessmentValues_639.csv

Allowed Values for Assessment									
Type	Type Details	FROM Diameter	TO Diameter (excl.)	FROM sheet Thickness	TO sheet Thickn. (excl.)	Sheet Metal Material	Allowed Lateral Force	Allowed Axial Force	Allowed Bending Moment
Screw	Grade 8.8, shan...	4 [mm]	5 [mm]	0 [mm]	0 [mm]	All			0 [N mm]
Screw	Grade 8.8, shan...	11 [mm]	12 [mm]	0 [mm]	0 [mm]	All			0 [N mm]

 7t_FastenersAssessmentValues_639.csv

Details of "Safety Factor for Lateral Force"	
Filter Output	
Scoping Method	All Bodies
Definition	
Type	Safety Factor for Lateral Force
Allowed Values for Assessment	Tabular Data
Read Allowed Values from csv-File	E:\tmp\7t_FastenersAssessmentValues_639.csv
Calculate Time History	Yes
By	Time
<input type="checkbox"/> Display Time	Last
ID	
ID	11472
Type	7t Fasteners V0.11
Licensed For	7tech GmbH
Results	
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum	
<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum	
Minimum Occurs On	
Maximum Occurs On	

For a large number of limit values you can prepare a csv-File and read in this data instead of typing all the values in the table.
Use the automatically generated csv-File as a template.

Details of "Max. Utilization" 

[-] Filter Output

Scoping Method	All Bodies
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[-] Definition

Type	Max. Utilization
Allowed Values for Assessment	Axial Force(Tension and Compression)
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined: Factor Shear	Total Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined: Factor Axial	Bending Moment
Read Allowed Values from csv-File	Torsion Moment
Calculate Time History	Utilization of Shear Force
By	Utilization of Axial Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Display Time	Utilization of Bending Moment
	Utilization of Torsion Moment
	Combined Utilization
	Max. Utilization

Max. Utilization is the maximum value of:

- Utilization of Shear Force
- Utilization of Axial Force (Tension only)
- Combined Utilization

The same applies analogously to **Min. Safety Factor**

8.3 Combined Utilization

For assessment of screws and rivets according to EUROCODE 9 (DIN EN 1999-1-1) Table 8.5 use:

$$\frac{F_{v,Ed}}{F_{v,Rd}} + \frac{F_{t,Ed}}{1,4 \cdot F_{t,Rd}} \leq 1$$

Details of "Combined Utilization"	
Filter Output	
Scoping Method	All Bodies
Definition	
Type	Combined Utilization
Allowed Values for Assessment	Tabular Data
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Factor Lateral	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined Factor Axial	1.4
Read Allowed Values from csv-File	
Calculate Time History	Yes
By	Time
<input type="checkbox"/> Display Time	Last

Details of "Max. Utilization"	
Filter Output	
Scoping Method	All Bodies
Definition	
Type	Max. Utilization
Allowed Values for Assessment	Tabular Data
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined: Factor Lateral	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Combined: Factor Axial	1.4

$$\text{Combined Utilization} = \frac{F_{lateral}}{F_{lateral, allowed}} * \text{Factor}_{lateral} + \frac{F_{axial}}{F_{axial, allowed}} * \text{Factor}_{axial} \leq 1$$

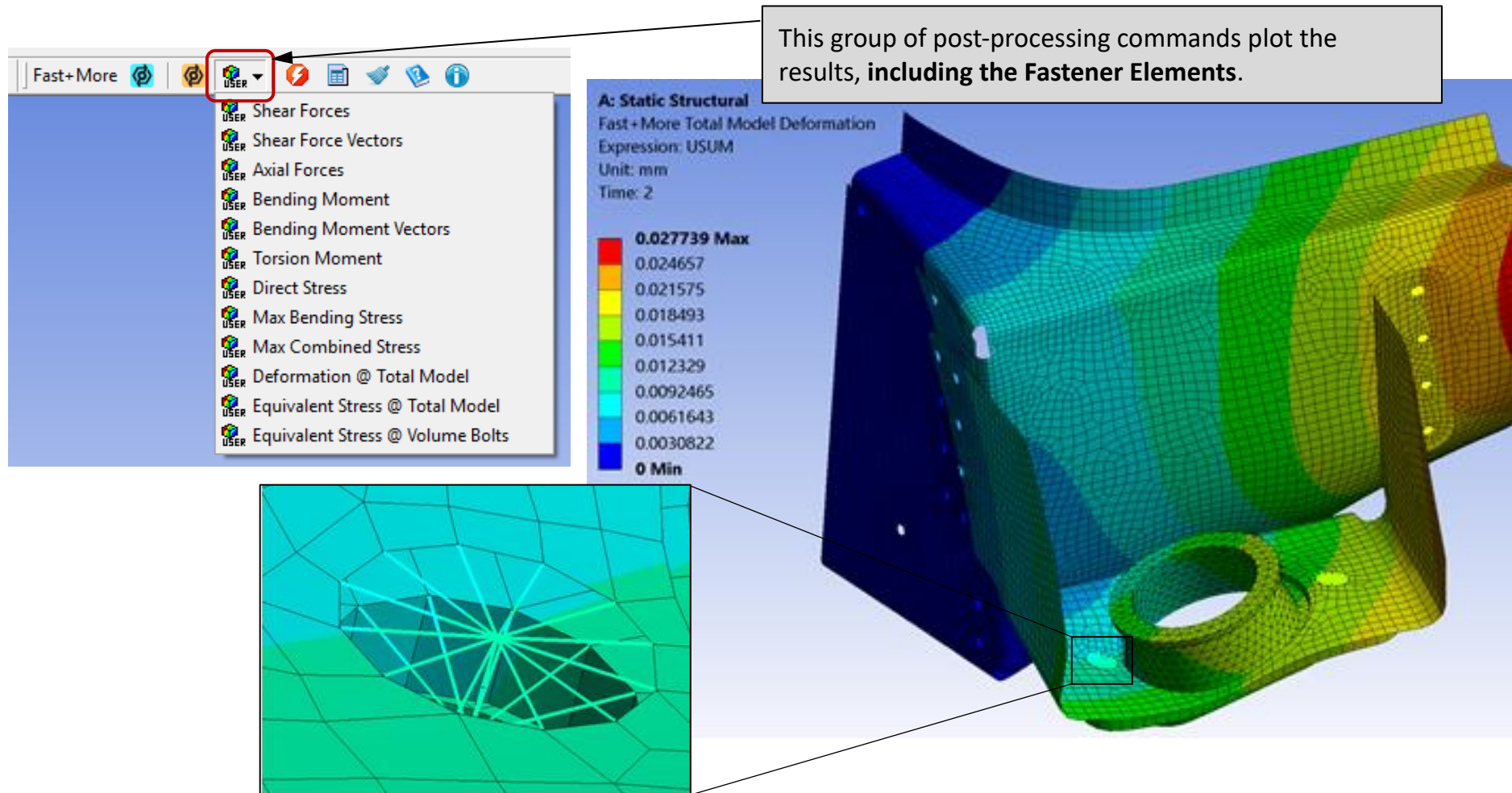
additional needed:

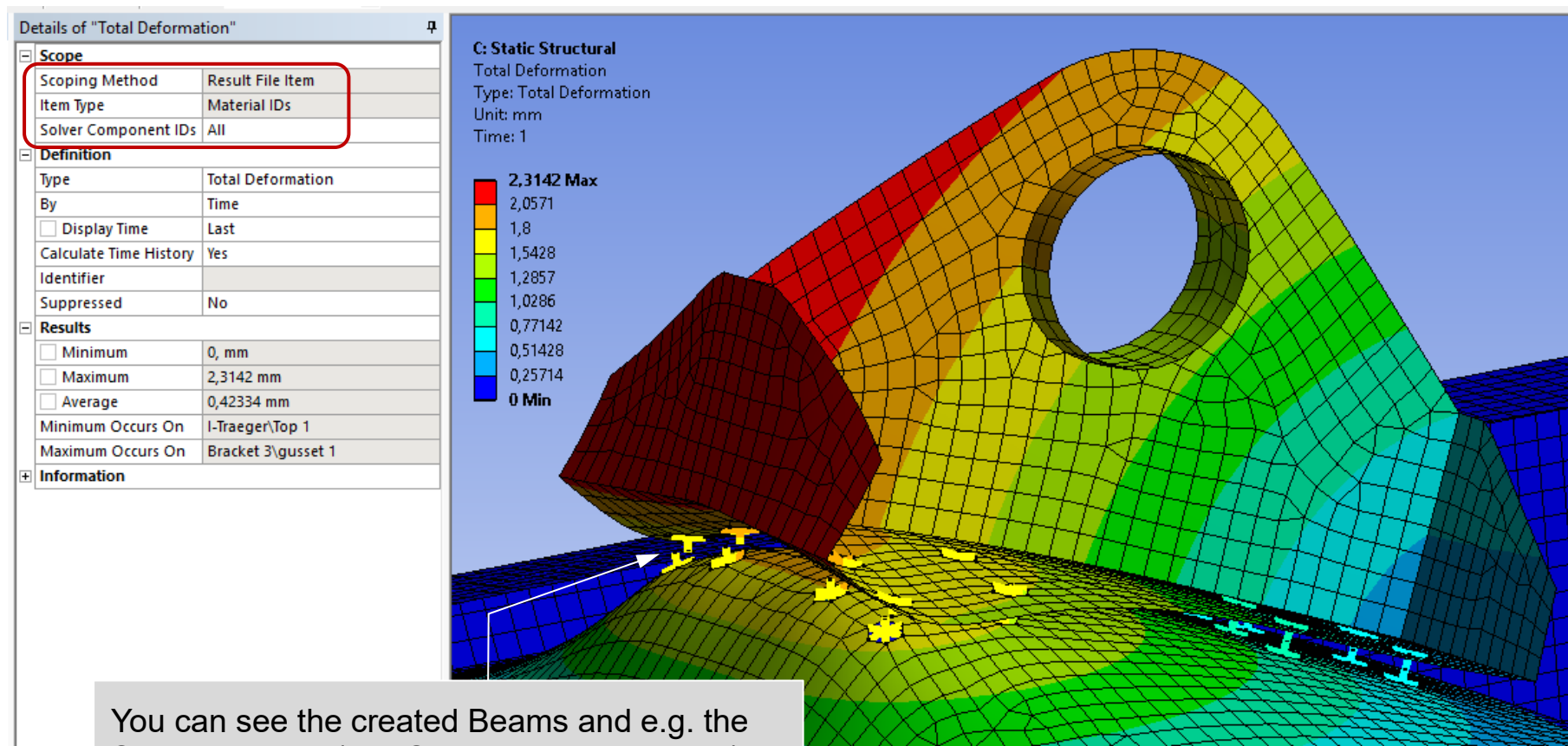
$$\text{Utilization of Lateral Forces} = \frac{F_{lateral}}{F_{lateral, allowed}} \leq 1$$

$$\text{Utilization of Axial Forces} = \frac{F_{axial}}{F_{axial, allowed}} \leq 1$$

Shows Maximum of all of the Degrees of Utilization

8.4 Plot Results on Fasteners

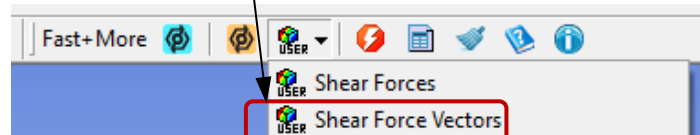




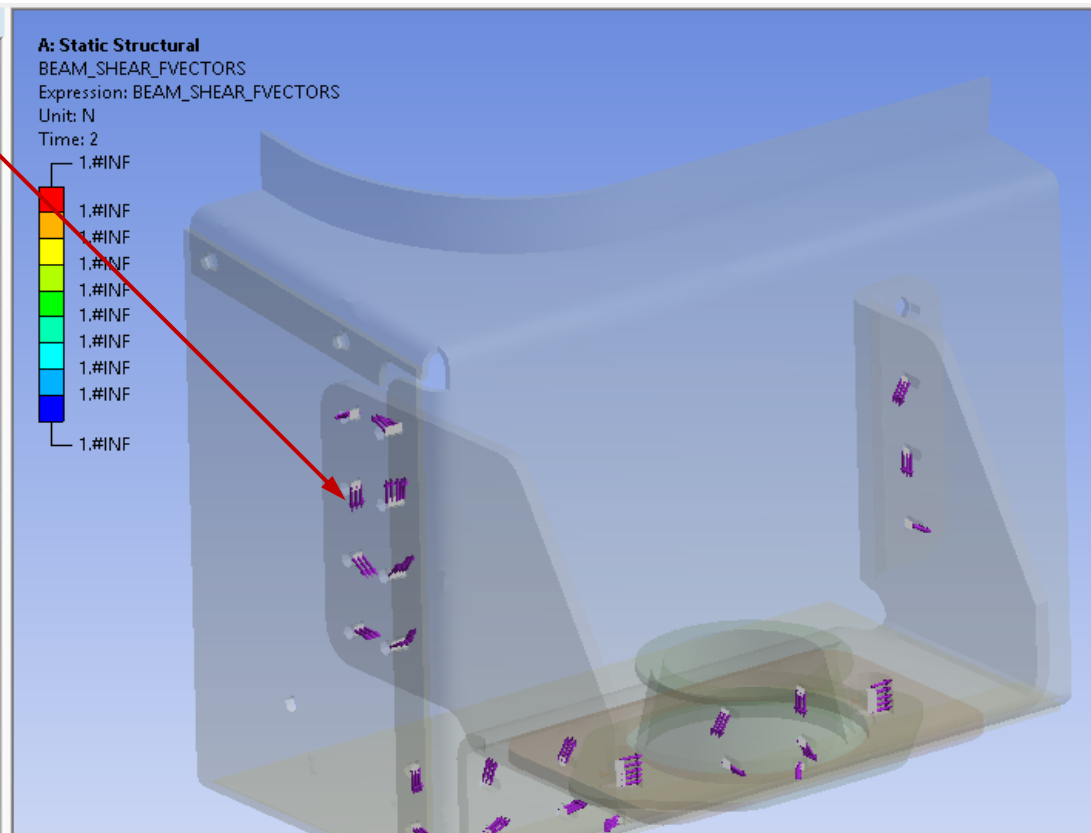
This feature displays vectors to visualize the **direction** of shear forces.

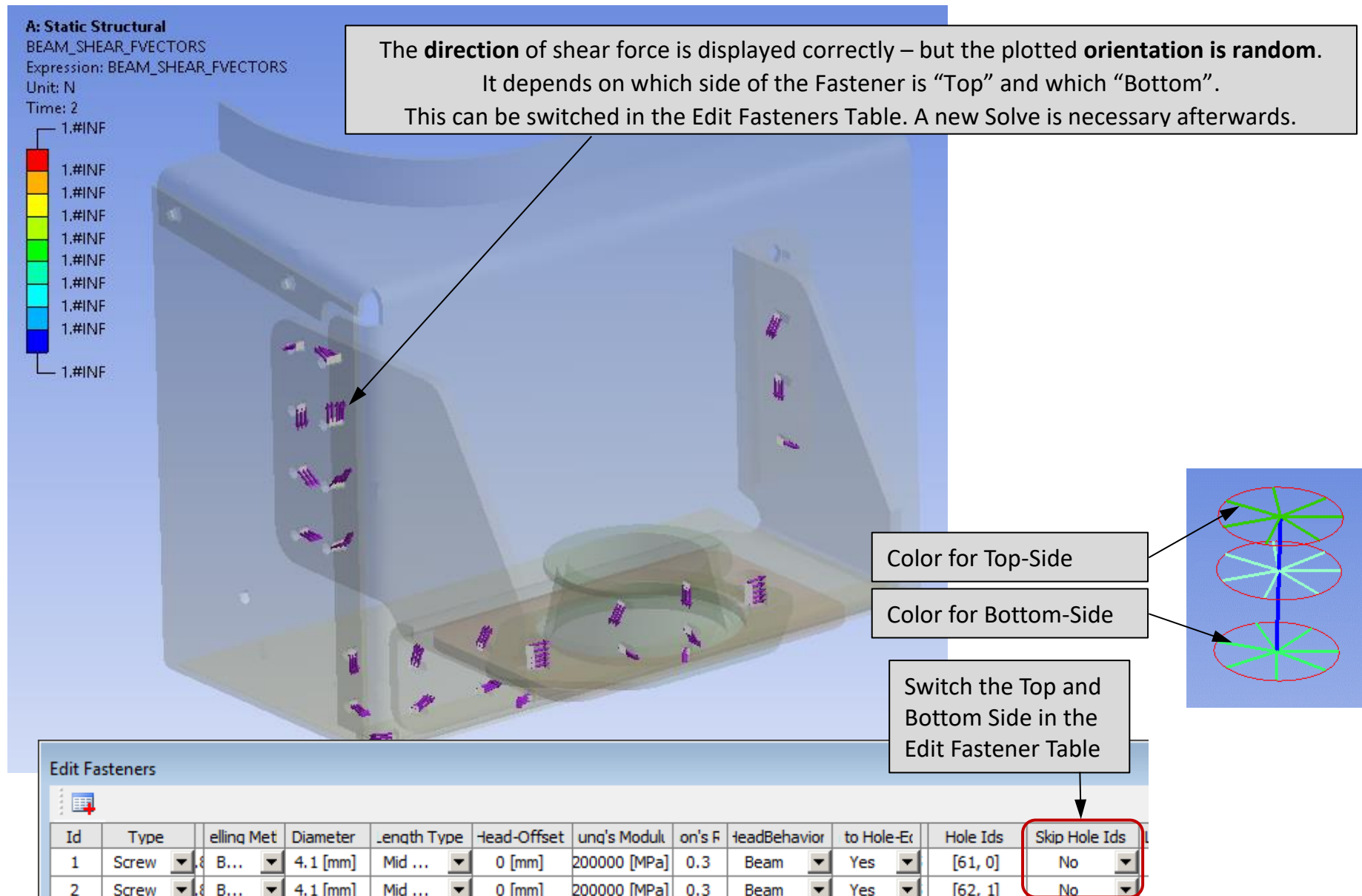


to obtain a proper Graphic use these settings



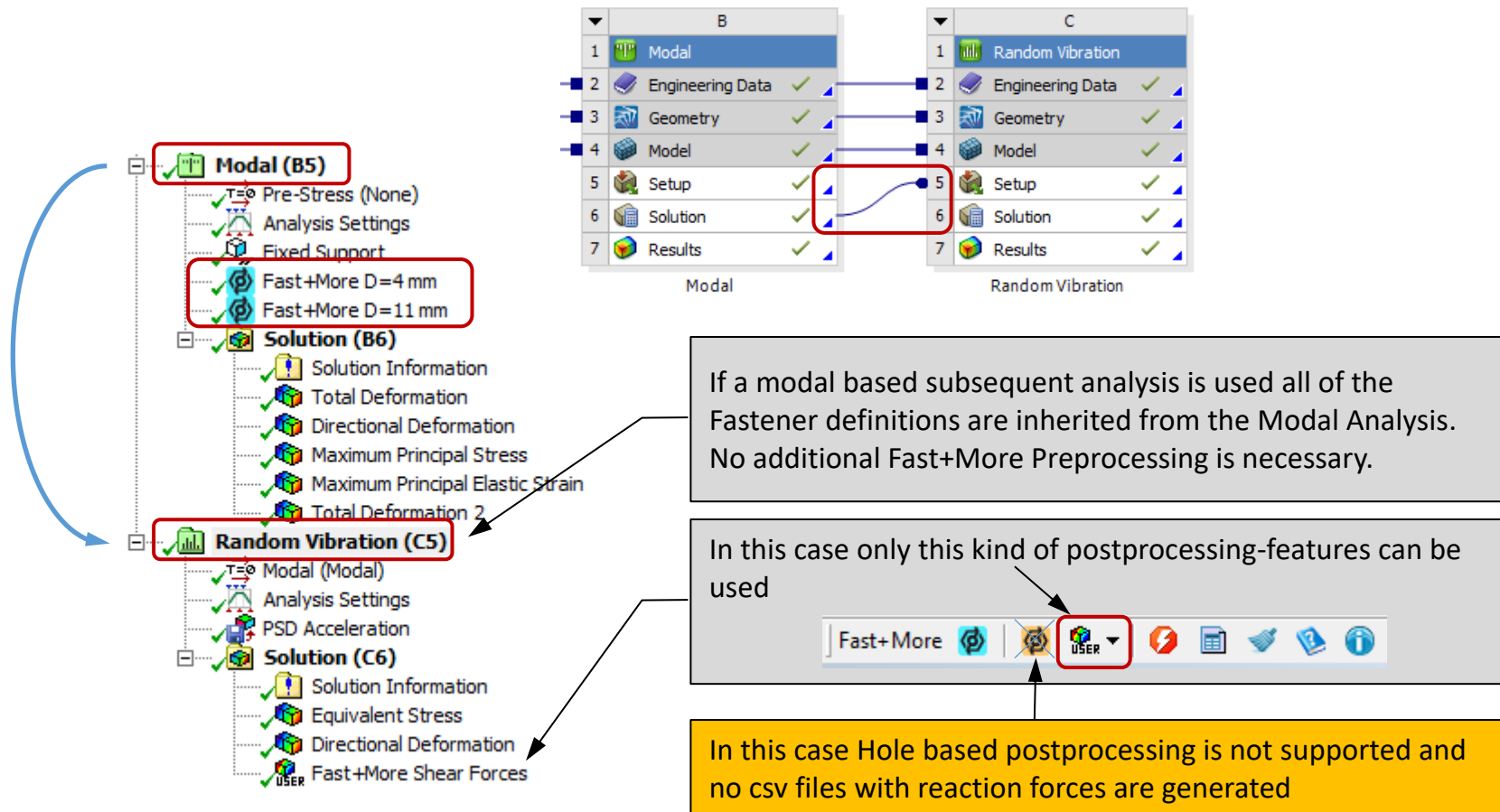
Details of "BEAM_SHEAR_FVECTORS"	
Scope	
Scoping Method	Result File Item
Item Type	Element Type IDs
Solver Component IDs	9
Definition	
Type	User Defined Result
Expression	= BEAM_SHEAR_FVECTORS
Input Unit System	Metric (mm, kg, N, s, mV, mA)
Output Unit	Force
By	Time
<input type="checkbox"/> Display Time	Last
Coordinate System	Global Coordinate System
Calculate Time History	Yes
Identifier	
Suppressed	No
Integration Point Results	
Display Option	Averaged
Average Across Bodies	No
Results	
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum	2.1123 N
<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum	1.#INF N
Minimum Occurs On	
Maximum Occurs On	
Minimum Value Over Time	
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum	-60.152 N
<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum	-11.839 N
Maximum Value Over Time	
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum	8.9885e+307 N
<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum	8.9885e+307 N
Information	





9 Modal Based Analysis like Random Vibration, Response Spectrum or Harmonic

9.1 Modal Based Analysis WITHOUT reaction force csv files



9.2 Modal Based Analysis WITH reaction force csv files

Fast+More

7t-FM_Model.db

Modal (B5)

- Pre-Stress (None)
- Analysis Settings
- Fixed Support
- Fast+More D=4 mm
- Fast+More D=11 mm

Solution (B6)

- Solution Information
- Total Deformation
- Directional Deformation
- Maximum Principal Stress
- Maximum Principal Elastic Strain
- Total Deformation 2

Random Vibration (C5)

- Modal (Modal)
- Analysis Settings
- PSD Acceleration
- Fast+More Spectrum-Pre

Details of "Fast+More Spectrum-Pre"

ID	
ID	4388
Type	7t Fast+More V1.1
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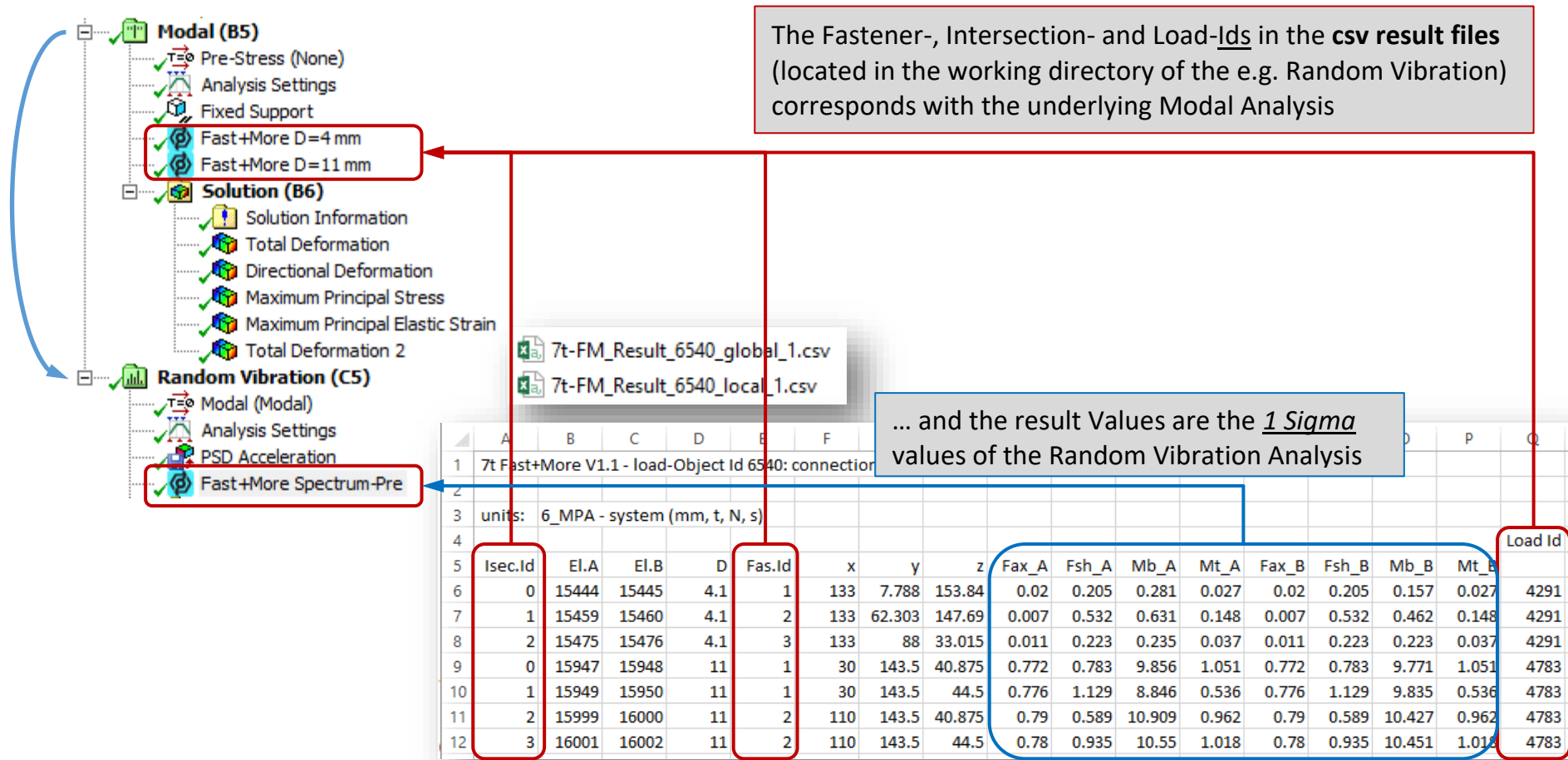
In the working Directory of the underlying Modal Analyses the **7t-FM_Model.db** has to be available for that process

If csv Files with reaction forced are needed **Fast+More Object** has to be introduced in the e.g. Random Vibration analysis.

In this case the Fast+More Object is a highly reduced variant without any user interaction. It is needed only for data generating and storage in the background

Now tabular reaction forces are written in **csv files** in the working directory which can be used for subsequent external data processing

Fast+More

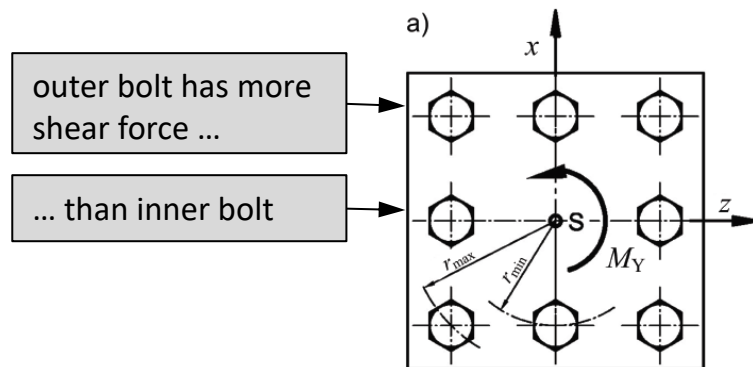


10 Slip Effect (beta)

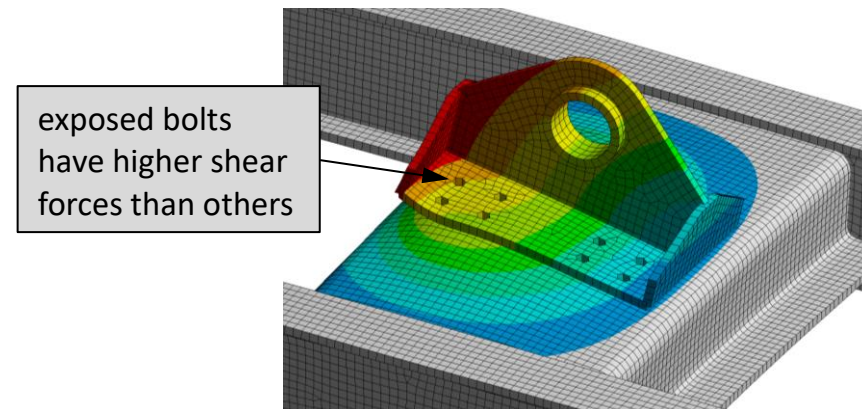
10.1 Basic Idea, Intention

Normally bolted joints are designed in such a manner that all shear forces are transferred with sticking between the connected parts. For a single bolt sliding is normally not wanted. That means that the shear forces should be smaller than Bolt Pretension (working axial load) times coefficient of friction.

If parts are connected with a larger number of bolts the shear forces are spread between these bolts. The outer screws often do not meet this criterion. In this case the outer connection shows a small relative displacement (slip) and the overall shear forces are distributed newly. Shear force is transferred from the outer bolts to the inner ones.



Source: VDI 2230 Part 2, Dec. 2014: Figure 8a

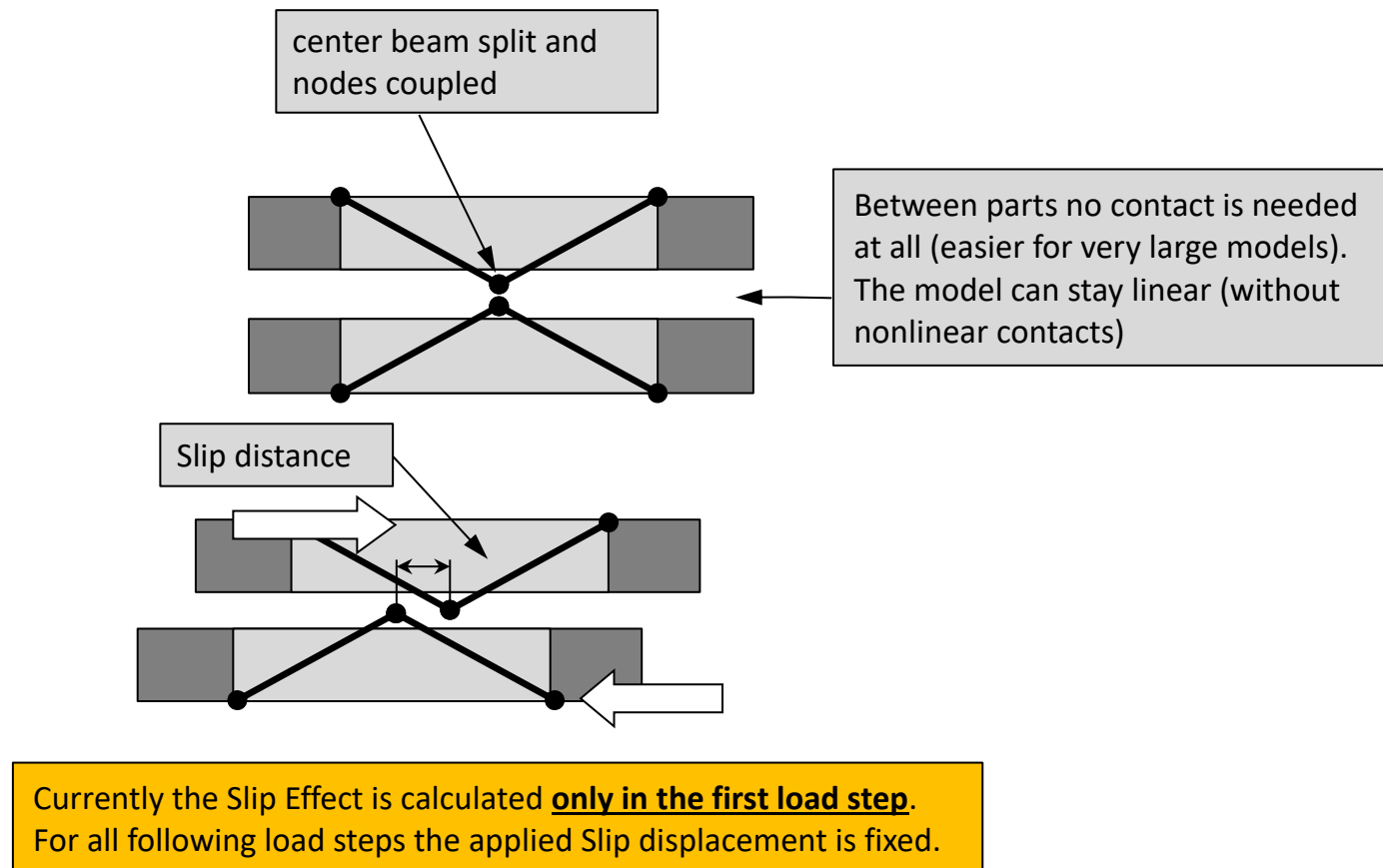


Without taking this effect into account such connections cannot be assessed properly. To take this into account in an FEA model requires a nonlinear analysis with pretension and nonlinear friction contact. This can lead to a long Solve time – for big Models with a large number of bolts even unacceptable solve time.

Fast+More has implemented a special algorithm that allows the slip effect to be taken into account very efficiently even with linear models and a large number of fasteners.

10.2 Implementation in Fast+More

In Fast+More the center beam of each intersection is split in the middle and the end nodes are coupled. For slip these coupled nodes are moved relatively to each other by an appropriate algorithm. This Method can be used even for large linear FEA models – nonlinear contact with friction is not needed.



To define the setting for including the Slip Effect use the following menu:

Find Fasteners (Hole-Connections)	
Detection Method	Auto Detect in Existing Hole-Entities
Edit Fasteners	Tabular Data
Edit Advanced Scrw Properties	Tabular Data
Fasteners Found	26
Head Nodes Found	484
Tolerances for Fasteners Search	
Fastener Details	
Fastener Type	Screw
Fastener Type Details for Assessment	e.g. Grade 8.8, shank bolt
Fastener Modelling Method (beta)	Beam
Fastener Diameter	Same as smallest Hole-Diameter
Fastener Length	Mid to Mid
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Young's Modulus	200000 [MPa]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fastener Poisson's Ratio	0.3
Head Diameter (Nut, Washer, ...)	Connect to Hole-Edge
Head Behavior	Beam
Head Beam Diameter	Same as Fastener-Diameter
<input type="checkbox"/> Head Beam Young's Modulus (PR=0.3)	200000 [MPa]
Allow Slip at First Load Step (beta)	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Bolt Axial Working Load	10000 [N]
<input type="checkbox"/> Coefficient of Friction	0.15
Max Shear Force for Sticking	1500 [N]
<input type="checkbox"/> Max Sliding Distance until Hole Contact (beta)	99 [mm]
Bolt Pretension (beta)	No


edit each single Slip Setting with this Table

Edit Advanced Scrw Properties								
Id	Type	Include Slip Effect	Workingload for Slip	Friction Coefficient for Slip	Max Slip Distance	Bolt Pretension	PreLoad	
1	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
2	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
3	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
4	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
5	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
6	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
7	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
8	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
9	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
10	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
11	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
12	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
13	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
14	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	
15	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15	99 [mm]	No	0 [N]	

global Slip Setting for all Fasteners of this Object

The Slip Algorithm needs a few iterations to spread the shear forces between slipping bolts and their neighbor bolts. After Solve in the working directory for each iteration (SolveLoop) a csv file is written. They contain information what happened and shows the slip-status and slip-distance of each Fastener (Intersection):

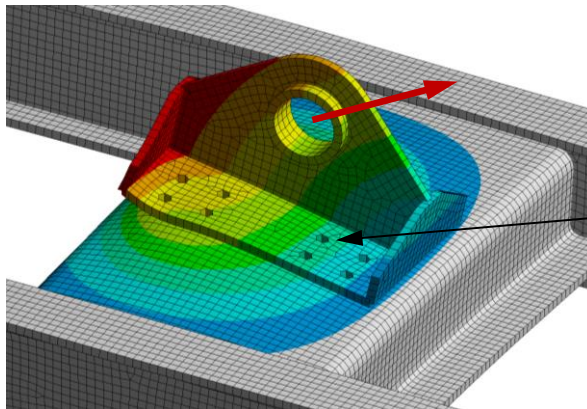
7t-FM_Result_8093_Slipdist_LS1_SolveLoop1.csv
7t-FM_Result_8093_Slipdist_LS1_SolveLoop2.csv



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	7t Fast+More V1.0 - load Id 8093: Results with MicroSlip at loadstep 1										
2	forces and displacements are given in LOCAL element coordinate system										
3	values in solver unit system										
4	status: 1=sticking 2=sliding 3=HoleContact										
5											
6	Fastener	Intersect	status	Fx	Fy	Fz	Fshear	Fsh max	slip uy	slip uz	slip usum
7	1	0	1	0.105	-3.573	-6.662	7.56	10	0	0	0
8	2	1	1	0.605	-9.015	26.693	28.175	0	0	0	0
9	3	2	1	1.529	-6.244	2.994	6.925	0	0	0	0
10	4	3	1	0.781	0.707	0.573	0.911	0	0	0	0
11	4	4	1	2.371	-3.738	-17.335	17.734	0	0	0	0
12	5	5	1	-1.591	4.165	-0.064	4.166	0	0	0	0
13	5	6	1	-1.284	0.405	0.515	0.655	0	0	0	0
14	6	7	1	-0.245	3.777	0.127	3.779	0	0	0	0
15	7	8	1	-1.623	9.353	7.218	11.814	0	0	0	0

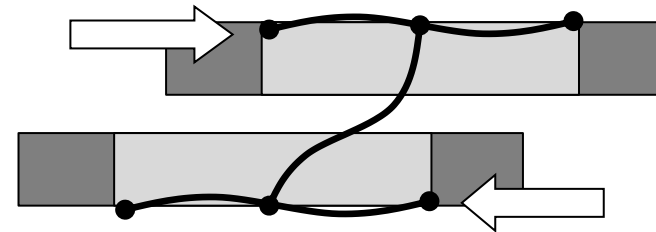
The slip movement can be shown in postprocessing e.g. with the method shown in section 8.4 on page 50 ff.

It is strongly recommended to **switch off** the Slip Effect **for at least one bolt** of connected parts. The Slip algorithm opens the coupling of the center nodes for slipping bolts. If all bolts between connected parts slip, rigid body motion occurs and the solve-process fails.



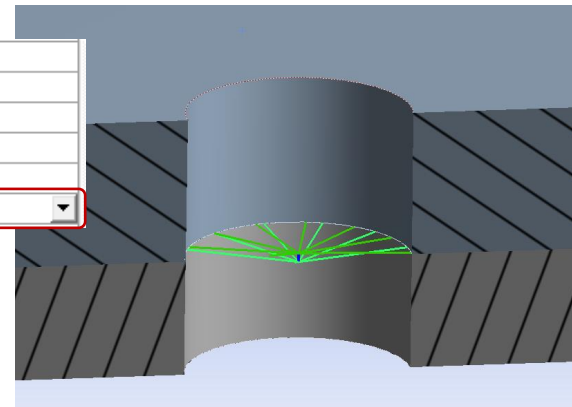
Edit Advanced Srew Properties				
Id	Type	Inculde Slip Effect	Workingload for Slip	Friction Coefficient
1	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
2	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
3	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
4	Screw	No	10000 [N]	0.15
5	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
6	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
7	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
8	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
9	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
10	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
11	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15

With modeling the bolt without pretention and friction contact shear forces lead to an elastic displacement of the bolt elements. To separate this elasticity from the stick/slip displacement it would be good to have a bolt model with high lateral stiffness (e.g. higher Young's Modulus).



For an accurate slip analysis it is a good practice to use in
Fast+More the Modelling Method
“Bottom to Bottom (Modelclass 1)”

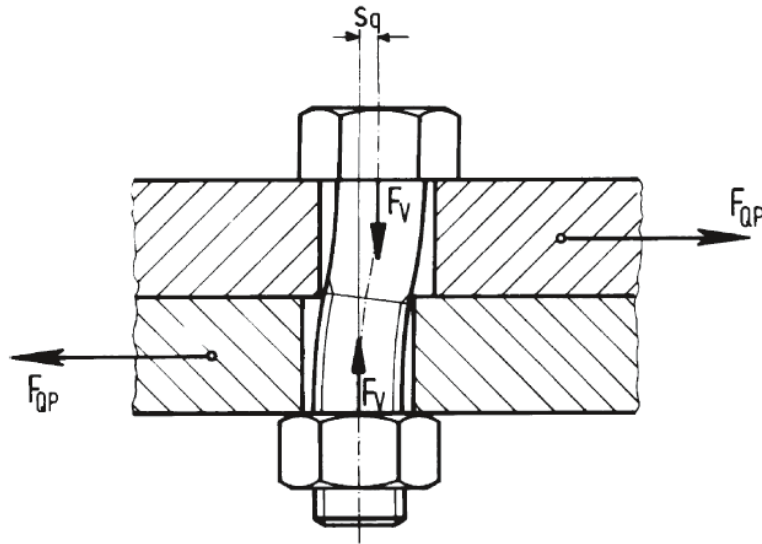
Fastener Details	
Fastener Type	Screw
Fastener Type Details for Assessment	e.g. Grade 8.8, shank bolt
Fastener Modelling Method (beta)	Beam
Fastener Diameter	Same as smallest Hole-Diameter
Fastener Length	Bottom to Bottom (Modelclass 1)



10.3 Limiting values / allowed slip distances

10.3.1 Loosening of the nut

Too big slip distance can lead to a loosening of the nut. The literature contains the following rough estimation formula for a limiting value of slip distance according to slip of the nut (loosening):



$$s_{Gth} = \frac{F_V \cdot \mu_K \cdot l_K^3}{12 \cdot E \cdot I}$$

F_V ... axial working load of the bolt

μ_K ... coefficient of friction

l_K ... clamping length of the Fastener

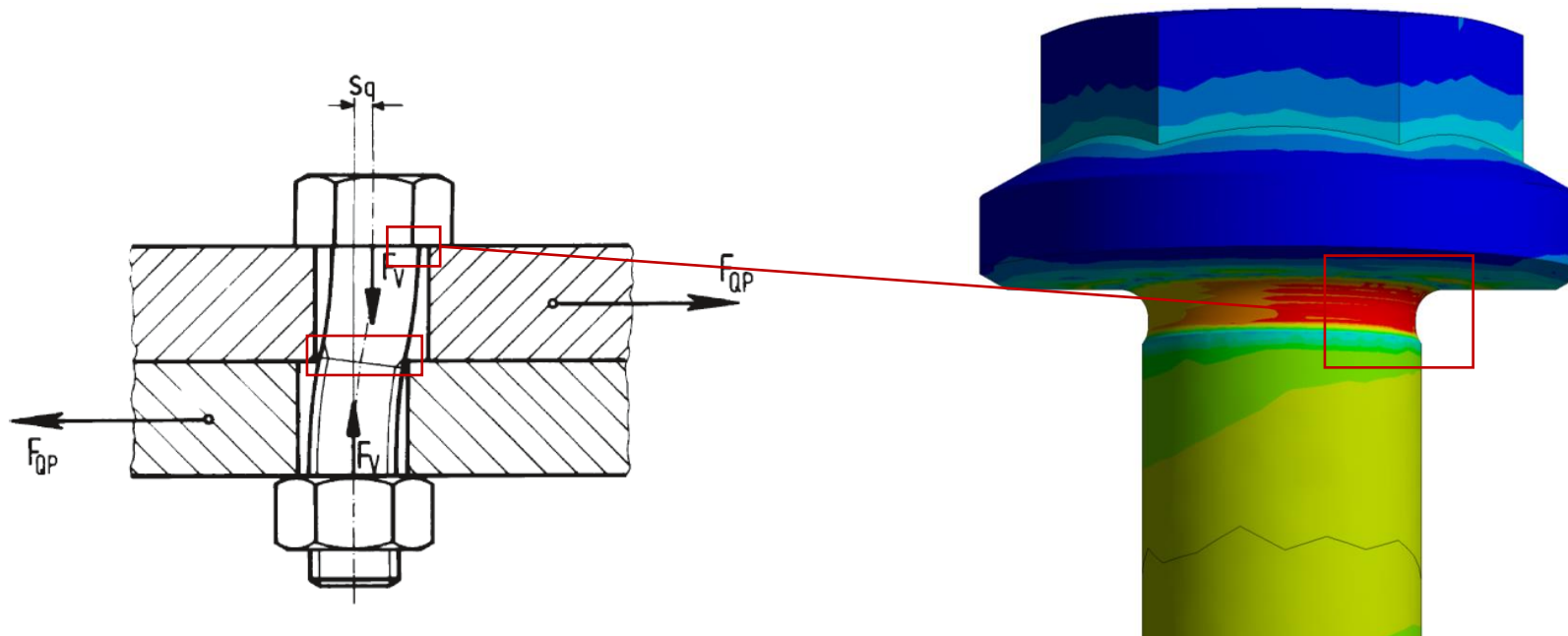
source: „**Schraubenverbindungen** Grundlagen, Berechnung, Eigenschaften, Handhabung“, 5. edition

authors: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Karl-Heinz **Kloos**, Dr.-Ing. Wolfgang **Thomala**

section 9.3, page 385

10.3.2 Strength of the bolt

The second limiting effect is of course the strength of the bolt. This has to be investigated separately in e.g. with a detailed Model.



10.4 Planned further developments regarding the slip calculation

The working load (residual clamping load F_{cp}) of each connection defines combined with the coefficient of friction the limit of sticking and the beginning of slip. F_{cp} depends on several forces and stiffness's (see picture right)

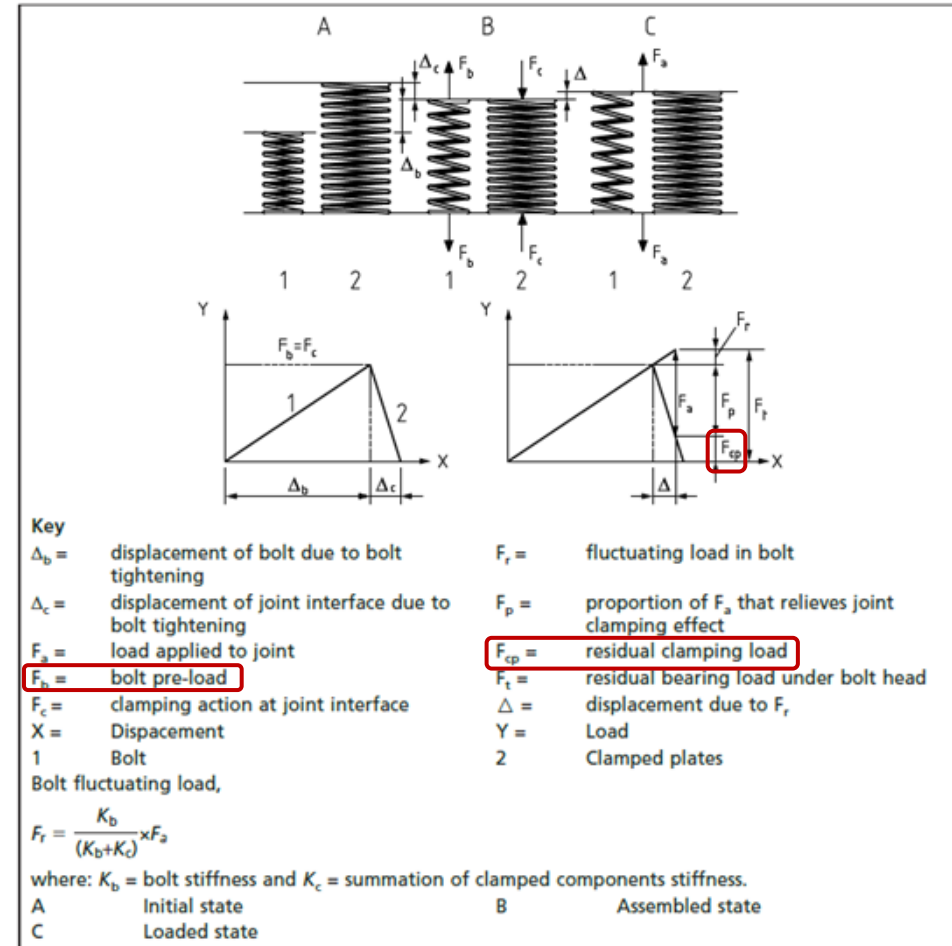
currently the working load has to be set for each single blot by the user. In Future this should be automatically calculated

Edit Advanced Screw Properties				
Id	Type	Include Slip Effect	Workingload for Slip	Friction Coefficient for Slip
1	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
2	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
3	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
4	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
5	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
6	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
7	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
8	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
9	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
10	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
11	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
12	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
13	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
14	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15
15	Screw	Yes	10000 [N]	0.15

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Figure 8 Relative stiffness effects on the fluctuating load in a bolt in a concentrically clamped and concentrically loaded bolted joint



11 General Topics

11.1 Additional Files in Working Directory

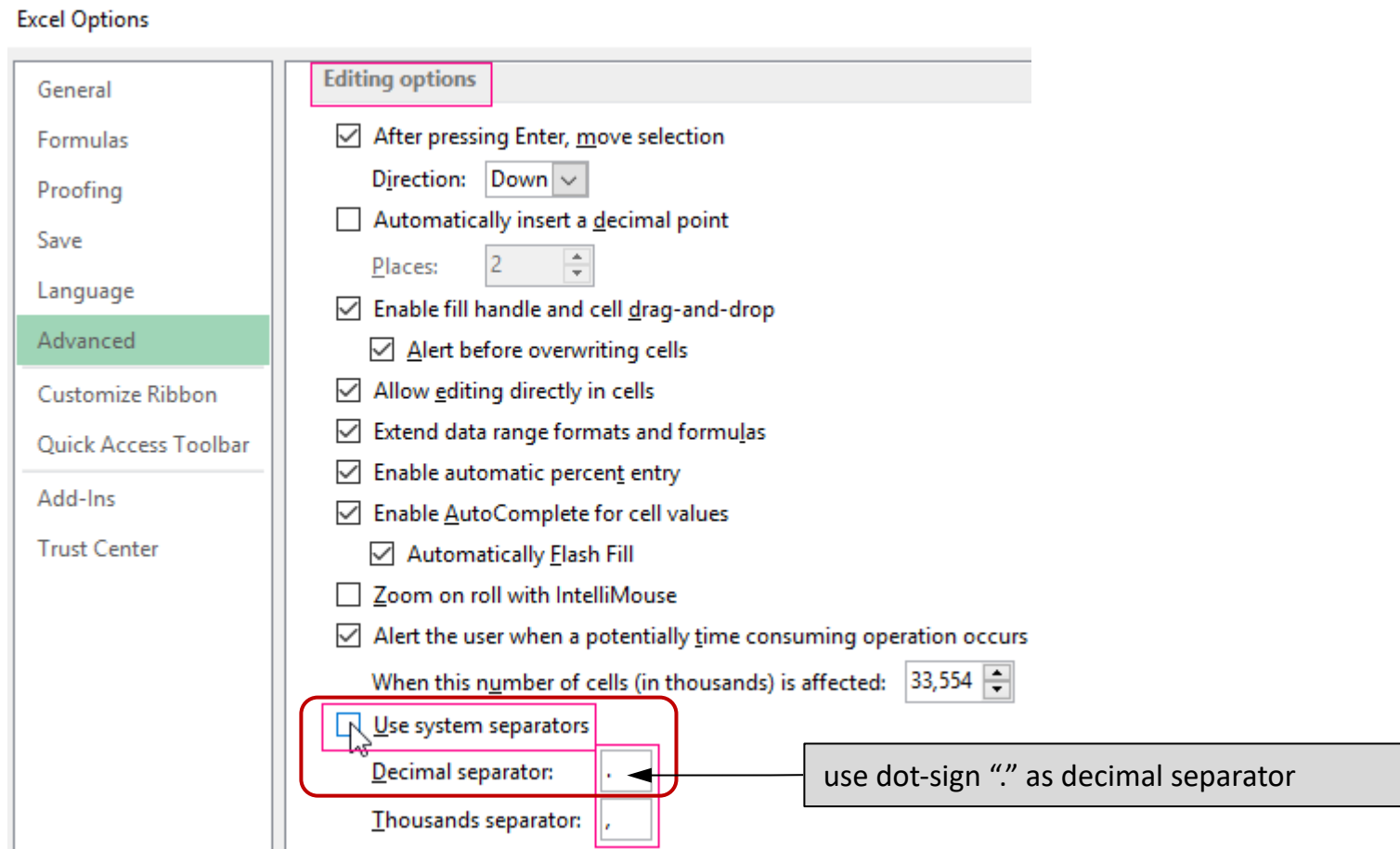
There were several additional files written in background. Have a look at the working directory of the Model:

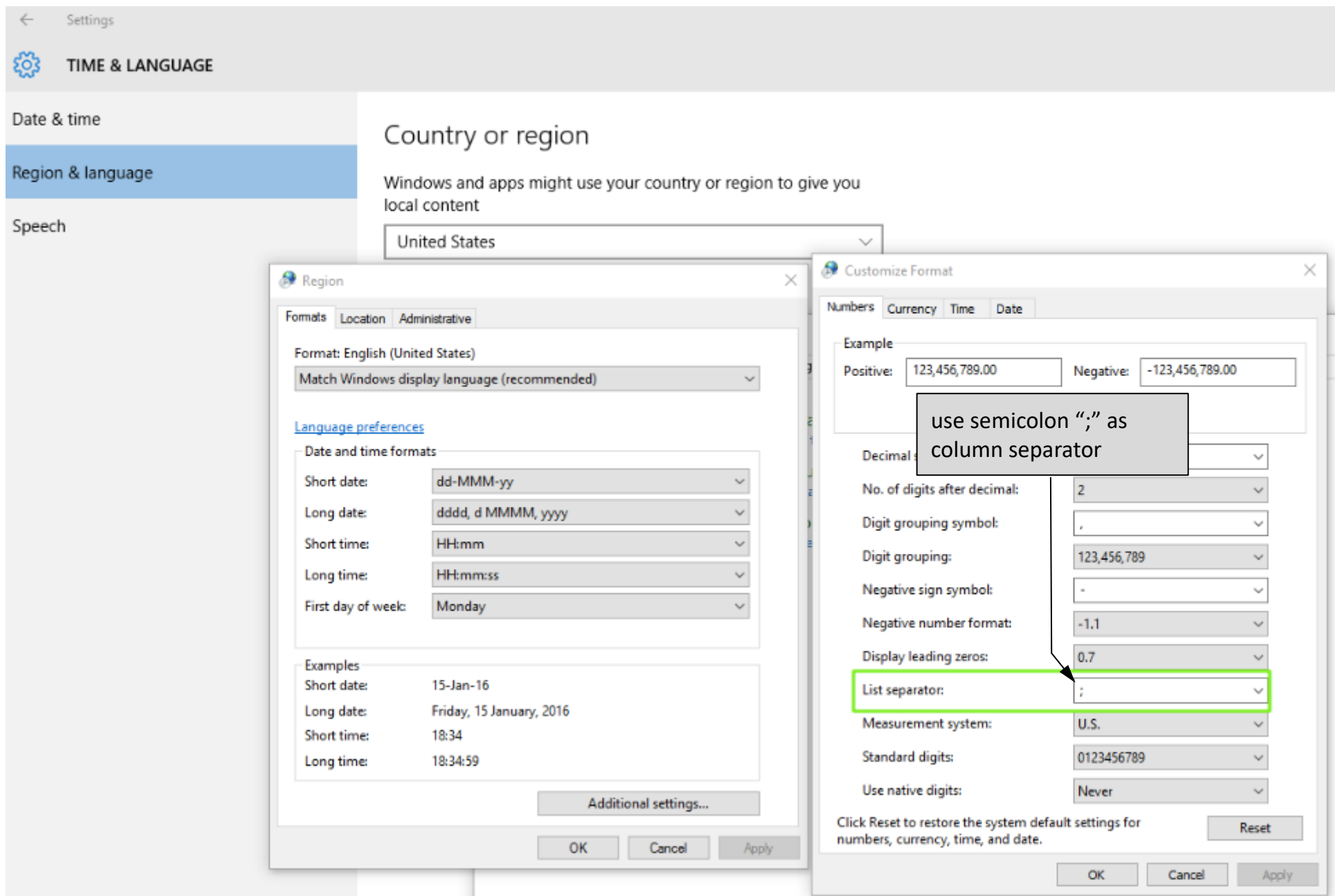
The screenshot illustrates the workflow for accessing solver files. On the left, the 'Solution (A6)' context menu is open, with 'Open Solver Files Directory' highlighted. An arrow points from this menu item to a file explorer window in the center. This window displays a list of files, including log files, a batch file, a Python script, CSV files for fasteners and holes, and a series of CSV files for reaction forces. A callout box on the right explains that the '7t-FM_Result_34722_global_*.csv' and '7t-FM_Result_34722_local_*.csv' files are tabular reaction force result files, one for each loadstep/substep. Another callout box points to the '7t-FM_Pre_34722_Connections.csv' file, stating that the connection definition file can be edited and reused for a new model. Below the file explorer, a table provides detailed data for the connections.

Con-Id (Con)	Con Type	Con Part (e.g. 8.8 Screw, 10.8 Screw, ...)	Young's Modulus (Con-Beam)	Poisson's Ratio (Con- Beam)	Diameter (Con-Beam)	HoleA-Id (HA)	HoleB-Id (HB)	HA X Controid	HA Y Controid	HA Z Controid	HB X Controid	HB Y Controid	HB Z Controid
0	Screw		200000	0.3	4.1	0	59	134.000003	7.78817737	153.842092	131.999999	7.78817737	153.842092
1	Screw		200000	0.3	4.1	1	60	134.000003	62.3025443	147.693653	131.999999	62.3025443	147.693653
2	Screw		200000	0.3	4.1	43	2	131.999999	87.9999998	33.0152542	134.000003	87.9999995	33.0150003
3	Screw		200000	0.3	4.1	23	3	136.999995	84.4999999		68	134.000003	84.4999999
4	Screw		200000	0.3	4.1	3	41	134.000003	84.4999999		68	131.999999	84.4999999
5	Screw		200000	0.3	4.1	22	4	136.999995	84.4999999	129.499999	134.000003	84.4999999	129.499999

11.2 MS Excel Setting for reading the csv files correctly

The csv-Files are written with dot “.” as comma character (decimal separator) and a semicolon “;” as column separator. To be able to correctly open these cvs-File correctly with MS-Excel use the following settings:





11.3 using Preferences File

Several parameters and global settings can be edited in the following preferences file:

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fm_preferences.py - Editor

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```
# in this file default values and settings (preferences) can be defined
# -----

# -----

# By default, the diameter of the fasteners takes up exactly the smallest hole diameter involved..
# If the following array contains a set of values the closest of these values is taken instead.
# This allows to use fastener standard diameters instead of the hole diameters.
# remove the remark-sign '#' from predefined lines or edit and add new lines

AvailableFastenerDiameters = [
# [2.0, 4.0], # Fastener-Diameter (D) and corresponding Head-Diameter in [mm]
# [3.0, 5.5], # Fastener-Diameter (D) and corresponding Head-Diameter in [mm]
# [4.0, 7.0], # Fastener-Diameter (D) and corresponding Head-Diameter in [mm]
# [5.0, 8.0], # Fastener-Diameter (D) and corresponding Head-Diameter in [mm]
# [6.0, 10.0], # Fastener-Diameter (D) and corresponding Head-Diameter in [mm]
# [7.0, 11.0], # Fastener-Diameter (D) and corresponding Head-Diameter in [mm]
# [8.0, 13.0], # Fastener-Diameter (D) and corresponding Head-Diameter in [mm]

]

AvFastenerDiameterTolerance = 0.8 # an array-Diameter-value D is taken if: Fastener-Default-Diameter >= D > Fastener-Default-Diameter*AvFastenerDiameterTolerance

# -----

SaveModelDB = False # decide whether to save a *.db file with all the additions made by Fast+More. This can be useful for model checking in MAPDL.
# Modal analyses keep their *.db files anyway, as they may be required for later response spectrum, harmonic or similar analyses.

# -----

# define the meshsize of Fasteners modeled with Volume-Elements:

VolumeFastenerMeshSize = 5 # integer value from 1 (fine mesh) to 10 (coarse mesh)

# -----
```

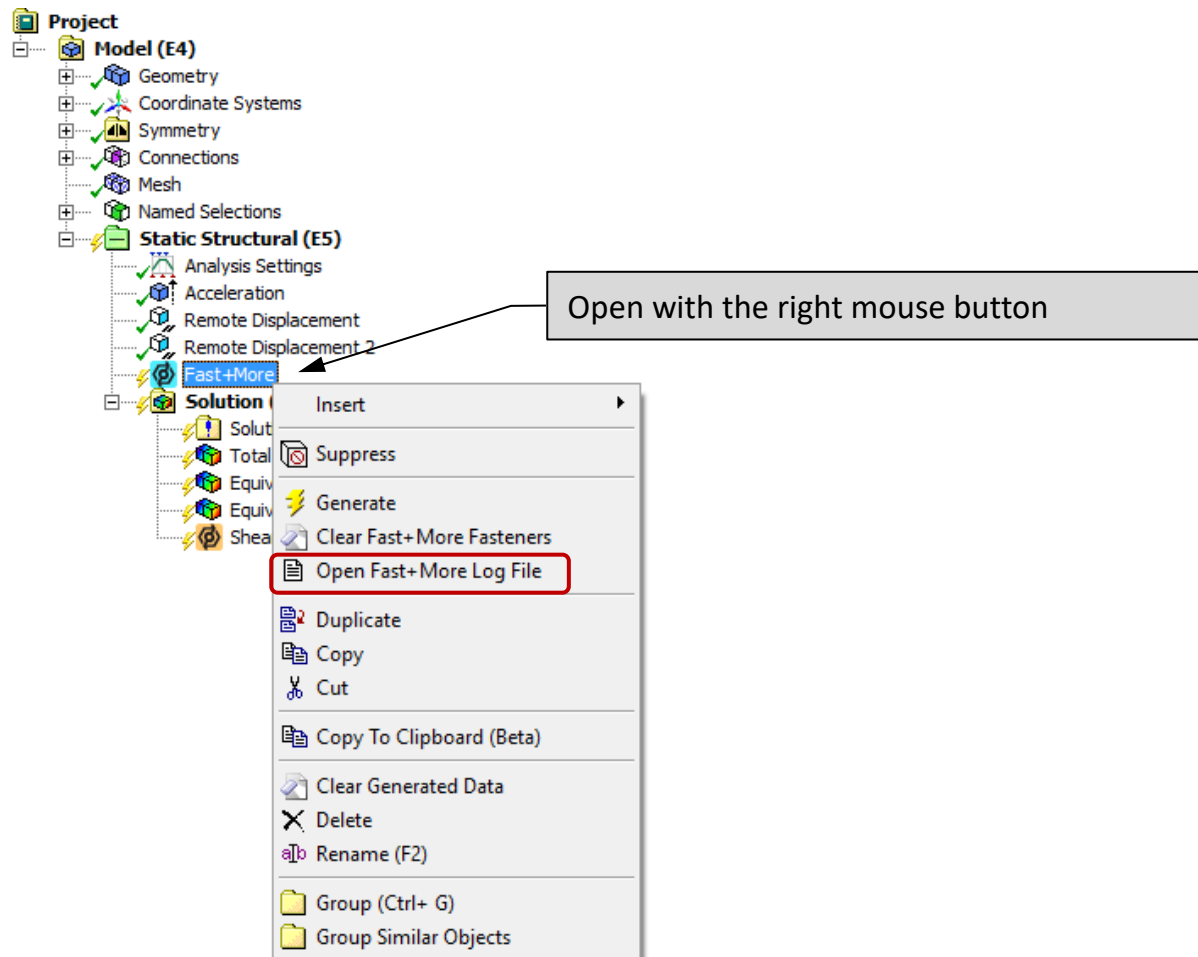
is the comment sign
Every command after a # is ignored

Take care that a default **Text-Editor** is defined in MS-Windows.
Otherwise the bottom-click will not be able to open the text File.

Close and reopen **Mechanical** after editing and saving the Preferences File. Otherwise the changes will not be loaded in Fast+More.

11.4 log File with additional information

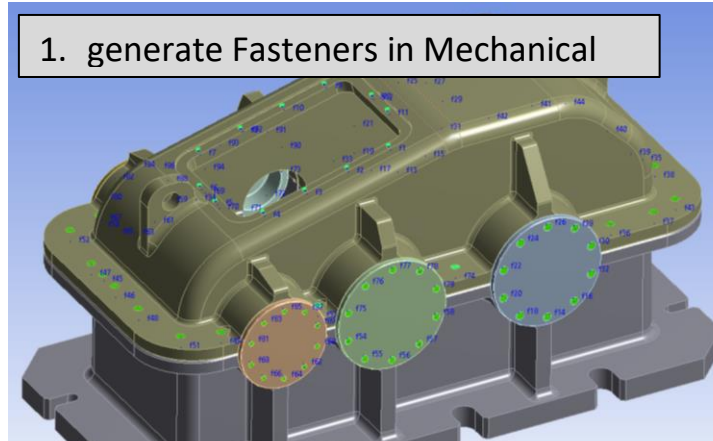
A log file stores all the activities of Fast+More and gives feedback if something goes wrong:



11.5 Generating Fastener Volume Bodies in SpaceClaimDirectModeler

Fast+More automatically generates a Python File which can be used to generate **Fastener Volume Bodies** in SpaceClaimDirectModeler. These Bodies can be used for detailed Analysis with the ANSYS native Features.

1. generate Fasteners in Mechanical



2. find the Python file in the working directory

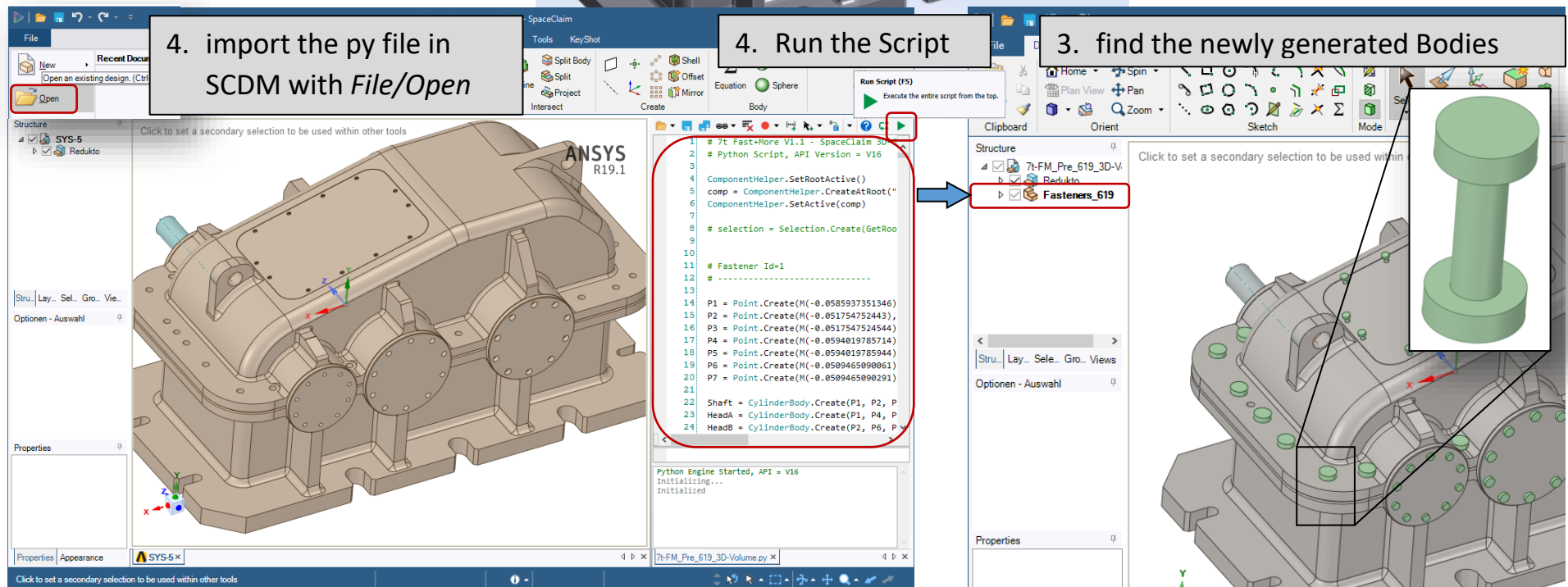
A screenshot of a file explorer window showing a list of files generated by Fast+More. The files are: 7t-FM_Pre_619.log, 7t-FM_Pre_619_3D-Volume.bat, 7t-FM_Pre_619_3D-Volume.py (highlighted with a red box), 7t-FM_Pre_619_Fasteners.csv, and 7t-FM_Pre_619_Holes.csv.

- 7t-FM_Pre_619.log
- 7t-FM_Pre_619_3D-Volume.bat
- 7t-FM_Pre_619_3D-Volume.py
- 7t-FM_Pre_619_Fasteners.csv
- 7t-FM_Pre_619_Holes.csv

4. import the py file in SCDM with *File/Open*

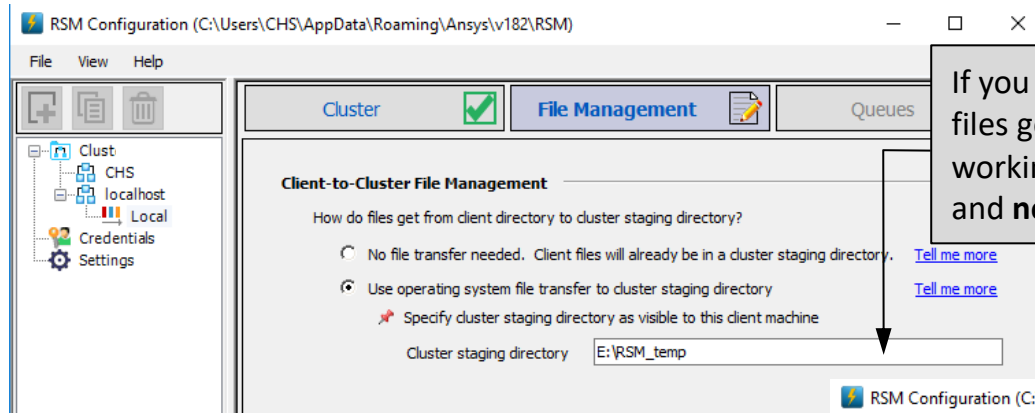
4. Run the Script

3. find the newly generated Bodies



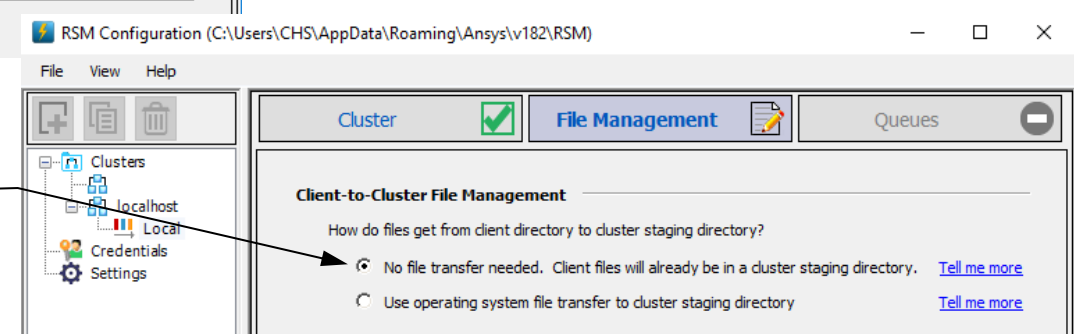
12 Known Issues

12.1 RSM



If you use a separate directory for RSM solve jobs, none of the files generated by the App are copied back to the original working directory. Therefore **no result files (*.csv)** are available and **no postprocessing** of the Fasteners-results is possible.

To avoid this issue use the first option in the RSM Configuration



Static Structural (R5)

- Analysis Settings
- Fixed Support
- Force
- Fast+More
- Solution (R6)
 - Solution I
 - Total Def
 - Stress To

Insert

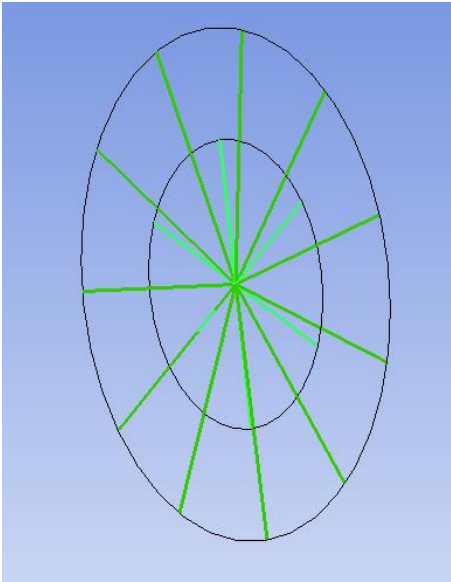
- Get Results
- Disconnect Job from RSM
- Group All Similar Children
- Open Solver Files Directory
- Worksheet: Result Summary

All of the result files can also be gathered with RMB “Open Solver Files Directory” before clicking “Get Results”

12.2 Holes with coincident Midpoints

In some cases two Holes with **coincident Midpoints** are detected. In this case the center beam has a **zero length** and that causes an error during the solve. This issue is not deleted automatically by the program because the result is not always what the user wants to have.

To resolve this problem please have a look in the log file. A WARNING Message appears and the affected Connection-Ids are listed. Search for that Connections in the Model and try to change the geometry or delete the connection in the *Connections*.csv File and read in the csv-File.



```
7t_FastenersPre_264.log - Editor
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*** Connections search started                                time = 12.08.1
*****

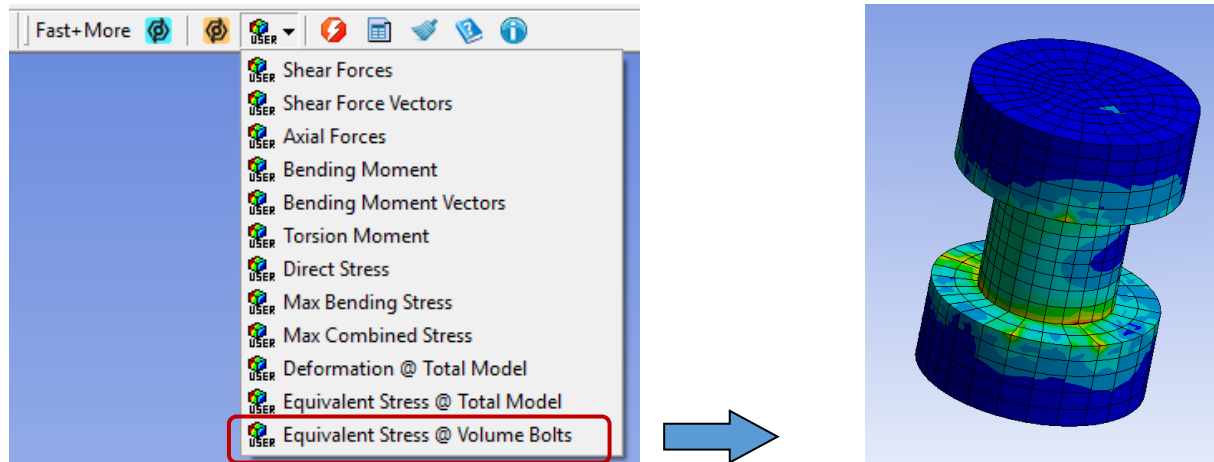
Connections search: Hole Group Nb = 1  of 4 Groups

Connections search: Holes left = 28
Connections search: Holes left = 27
Connections search: Holes left = 25
Connections search: Holes left = 22
Connections search: Holes left = 19
Connections search: Holes left = 16
Connections search: Holes left = 14
Connections search: Holes left = 12
Connections search: Holes left = 9
Connections search: Holes left = 6
Connections search: Holes left = 3
Connections search: Holes left = 1
WARNING: short Hole Distance = 5.55111512313e-17  at Connection Id = 5 !
WARNING: short Hole Distance = 5.55111512313e-17  at Connection Id = 13 !
```

Graphics	
Show Holes	No
Show Fasteners	Yes - with Fastener IDs
Show Graphics for Entities	by Number (Range)
Range (Format '1;3;5-10')	5;13

12.3 Volume Bolts Postprocessing

Currently for Fasteners modeled with Volume Elements there are no reaction forces and moments written. This will follow in one of the upcoming releases. Currently the best way to postprocess Volume-Fasteners is to plot the Equivalent Stresses:



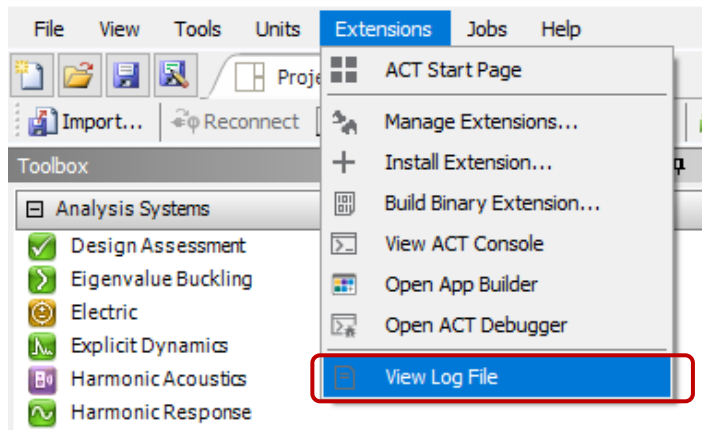
Slip Effect is currently not available for Volume Fasteners.

12.4 Bolt Pretension

This feature will follow in one of the upcoming releases. The GUI is already prepared for that.

12.5 Error Messages

If errors occur while running the software, the error messages can be reviewed in the following window:



These error messages may be required when contacting the support and for debugging.

13 Release Notes

Fast+More V1.1

- ANSYS V19.1 is now supported
- With Holes-Search by “*Geometry – Selected Geometry*” now not only Bodies but also Faces and Edges can be selected. This allows much more precisely to define at which positions Holes should be searched.
- Volume-Fasteners are now meshed exclusively with hexahedral elements – and mesh size of the volume mesh can now be adjusted via the *preferences*-file.
- some bugs-fixes according to import Fastener definition csv-File (*Detection Method – by Fastener csv-File*)
- some bugs-fixes according to Random Vibration Analyses
- some bugs-fixes according to postprocessing of *Combined Utilization*
- graphic issues while “Show Fasteners” / “Show Holes” in combination with RMB “Generate” are fixed
- in the “Edit Fasteners” Table now intermediate Holes can be deleted
- this Help document was extended

Hole Ids
[19, 43]
[23, 4, 42]

Fast+More V1.2

- Fast+More V1.1 ran properly under ANSYS V19.1, but generated errors under ANSYS V19.0. This was fixed.

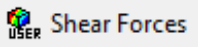
Fast+More V1.3

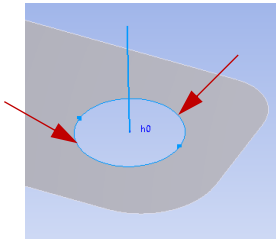
- some corrections regarding postprocessing in Demo-Mode
- error while copying a Fast+More object in the same analysis corrected
- Status of Fast+More load-Object was not updated with RMB “Clear All Fasteners”. This is fixed.

Fast+More V1.4

- In the previous version there was a defect where all Fasteners were deleted after closing and reopening the model. This bug has been fixed.

Fast+More V1.5

- first version for floating licensing
- some corrections regarding postprocessing while having multiple Fast+More preprocessing-objects in tree
- user results  now based on element components for better graphical appearance
- For shell-bodies a circular hole can consist of *two edges*.



Fast+More V1.6

- updated to be compatible with ANSYS Release 2019 R1
- bugfix regarding shell-body-holes with edges with *one* vertex
- bugfix regarding demo mode

14 Contact Information

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