

## CRACK01 - Validation of Wizard Analysis Ace module Aster of Salomé-Meca

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### Summary

This test makes it possible to validate the command file obtained thanks to Wizard (assistant) *Analysis ace* module Aster of Salomé-meca. One recalls that this Wizard allows a calculation of the rate of refund and stress intensity factors in 2D, in axi-symmetry and 3D, starting from a healthy grid of a structure, by using the method X-FEM and the level-sets as well as automatic refinement of grid.

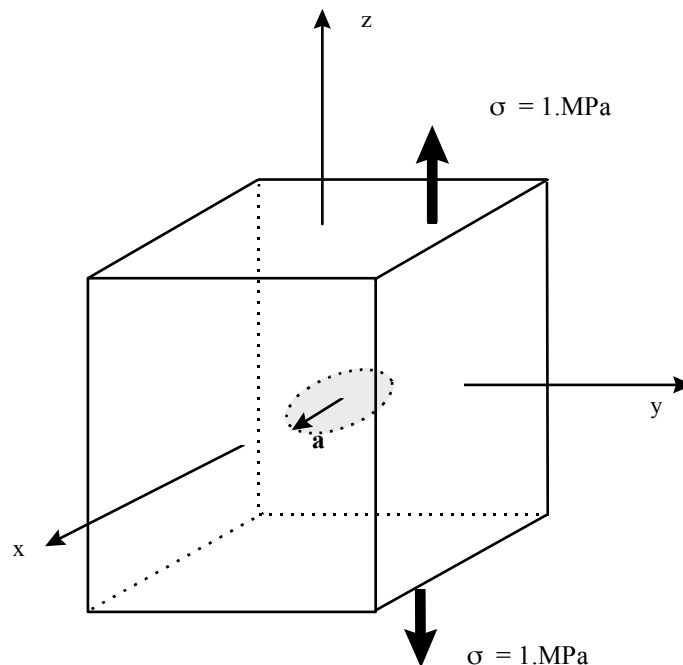
The case treated here is a circular crack plunged in a presumedly infinite medium, resulting from the CAS-test sslv134.

- Modeling A deals with the problem in 3D (similar to the case test sslv134h),
- Modeling B deals with the axisymmetric problem in 2D (similar to the case test sslv134i).

Each time, the value of the factor of intensity of the constraints in mode  $I$  is compared with the theoretical value resulting from an analytical solution.

## 1 Problem of reference

### 1.1 Geometry



The crack is circular (*penny shaped ace*) of ray  $a$ , in the plan  $Oxy$ . So that the medium is regarded as infinite, the sizes characteristic of the solid mass are about 5 times higher than the ray  $a$ .

### 1.2 Material properties

Young modulus:  $E = 2.10^5 MPa$

Poisson's ratio:  $\nu = 0.3$

Density:  $\rho = 7850 kg/m^3$

### 1.3 Boundary conditions and loadings

Lower face : uniform constraint of traction  $\sigma_z = 1.MPa$

Higher face : uniform constraint of traction  $\sigma_z = 1.MPa$

## 2 Reference solution

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### 2.1 Method of calculating used for the reference solution

For a circular crack of ray  $a$  in an infinite medium, subjected to a uniform traction  $\sigma$  according to the normal with the plan of the lips, the rate of refund of energy room  $G(s)$  is independent of the curvilinear X-coordinate  $s$  and is worth [bib1]:

$$G(s) = \frac{(1-\nu^2)}{\pi E} 4\sigma^2 a$$

then the coefficient of intensity of constraint  $K_I$  is given by the formula of Irwin:

$$G(s) = \frac{(1-\nu^2)}{E} K_I^2 \quad \text{that is to say} \quad K_I = \frac{2\sigma\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

### 2.2 Results of reference

For the loading considered and  $a=2m$ , one obtains:

$$G(s) = 11.586 J/m^2$$

$$K_I = 1,5958 MPa .$$

### 2.3 Bibliographical references

- 1) Solution of Sneddon (1946) in G.C. Sih: Handbook of stress-intensity factors Institute of Fracture and Solid Mechanics - Lehigh University Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

## 3 Modeling a: modeling in 3D

### 3.1 Characteristics of modeling

The crack is not with a grid.  
A quarter of the structure is modelled.  
Conditions of symmetry on the side faces will be applied.

### 3.2 Characteristics of the grid

The initial grid is healthy and relatively coarse. The initial size of the meshes is of approximately  $h_0 = 1,25$  (unit of the grid).

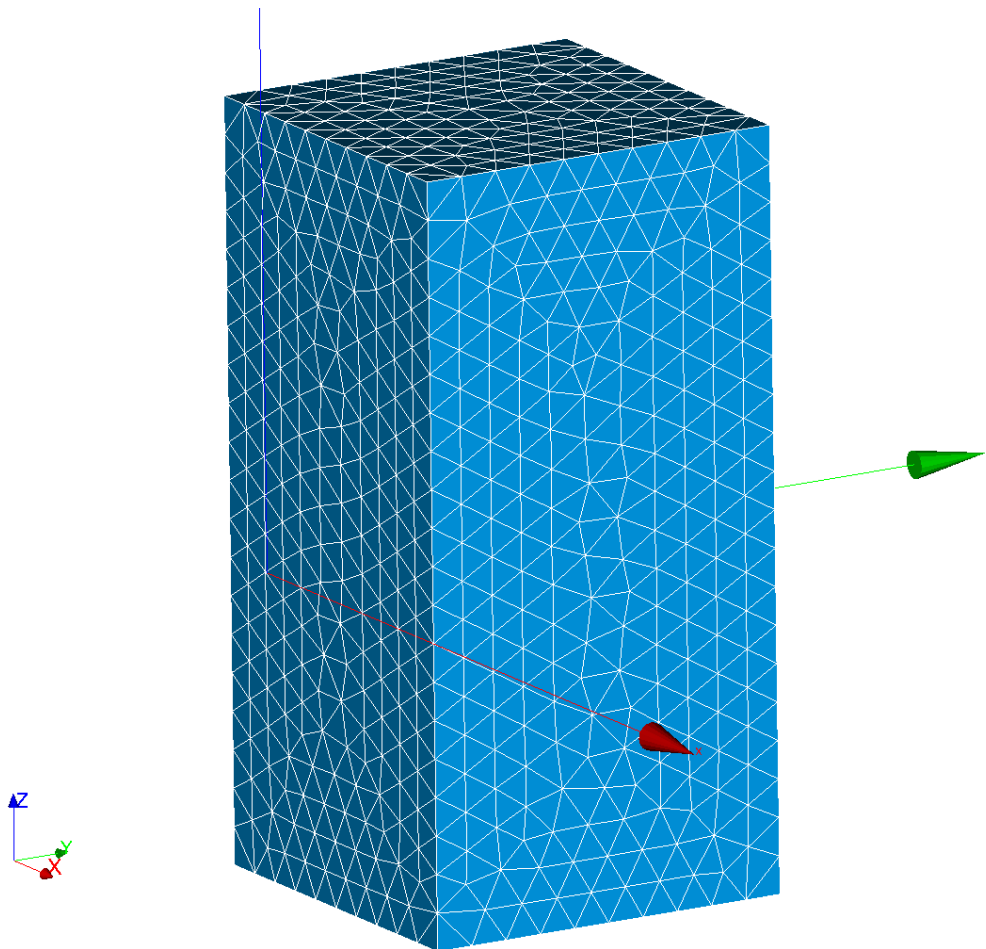


Figure 3.2-a: grid initial 3D

Many nodes: 2946  
Number of meshes and type: 14192 TETRA4

This grid will be refined in an automatic way before the mechanical resolution thanks to the software Lobster in a zone around the bottom of crack. The target size of the meshes of the refined grid is  $h_c = 0,15$ . That implies 4 calls to Lobster. After refinement, the size of the meshes is of approximately  $h = 0,078$  and the grid comprises:

Many nodes: 13813
Number of meshes and type: 76947 TETRA4

The ray of the refined zone east  $R_{raff} = 6h$ .

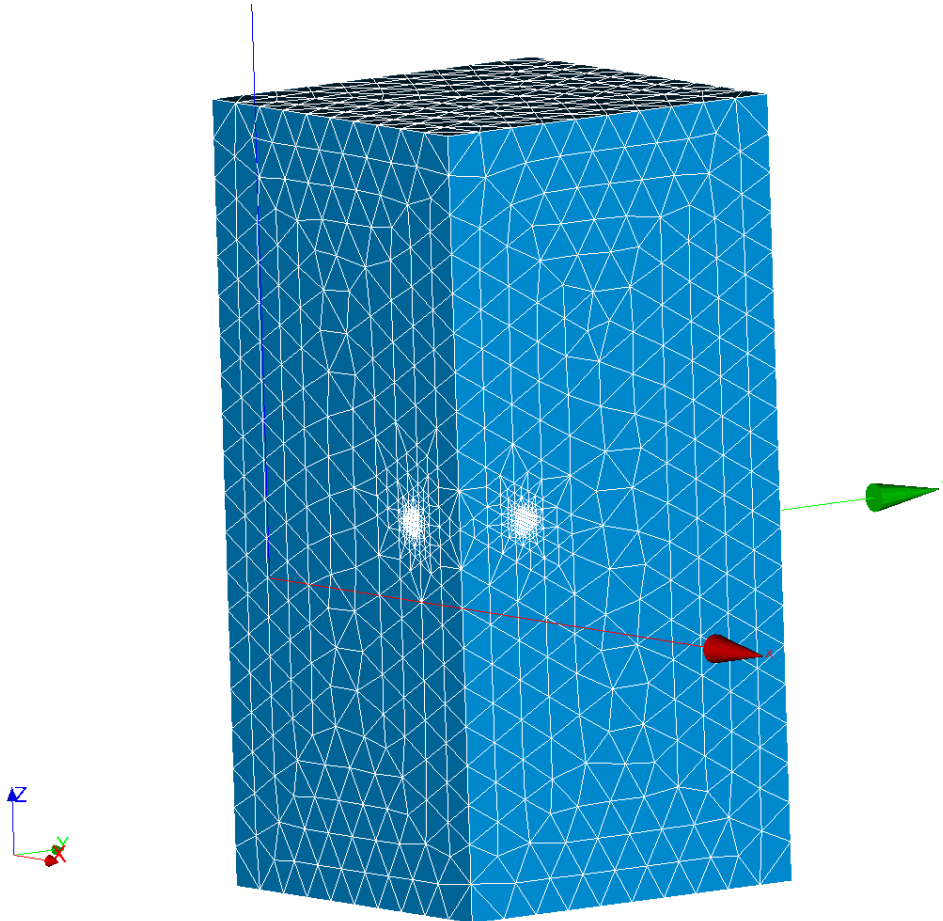


Figure 3.2-b: grid 3D after refinement automatic

### 3.3 Sizes tested and results

One tests the value of  $K_I$  calculated by the order CALC\_G along the bottom of crack. Theoretically,  $K_I$  is constant along the bottom of crack. It is thus checked that the max and the min of the values of  $K_I$  along the bottom of crack are close to the value of reference.

The crown of integration is:  $2h - 5h$ .  
Smoothing by default is used.

Identification	Reference	Type of reference	% tolerance
$\max(K_I)$	$1.595 \cdot 10^6$	ANALYTICAL	3,0
$\min(K_I)$	$1.595 \cdot 10^6$	ANALYTICAL	3,0

## 4 Modeling b: modeling in 2D axi-symmetry

### 4.1 Characteristics of modeling

The crack is not with a grid.  
Only one section of the structure is modelled.

### 4.2 Characteristics of the grid

The initial grid is healthy and relatively coarse. The initial size of the meshes is of approximately  $h_0 = 1,25$  (unit of the grid).

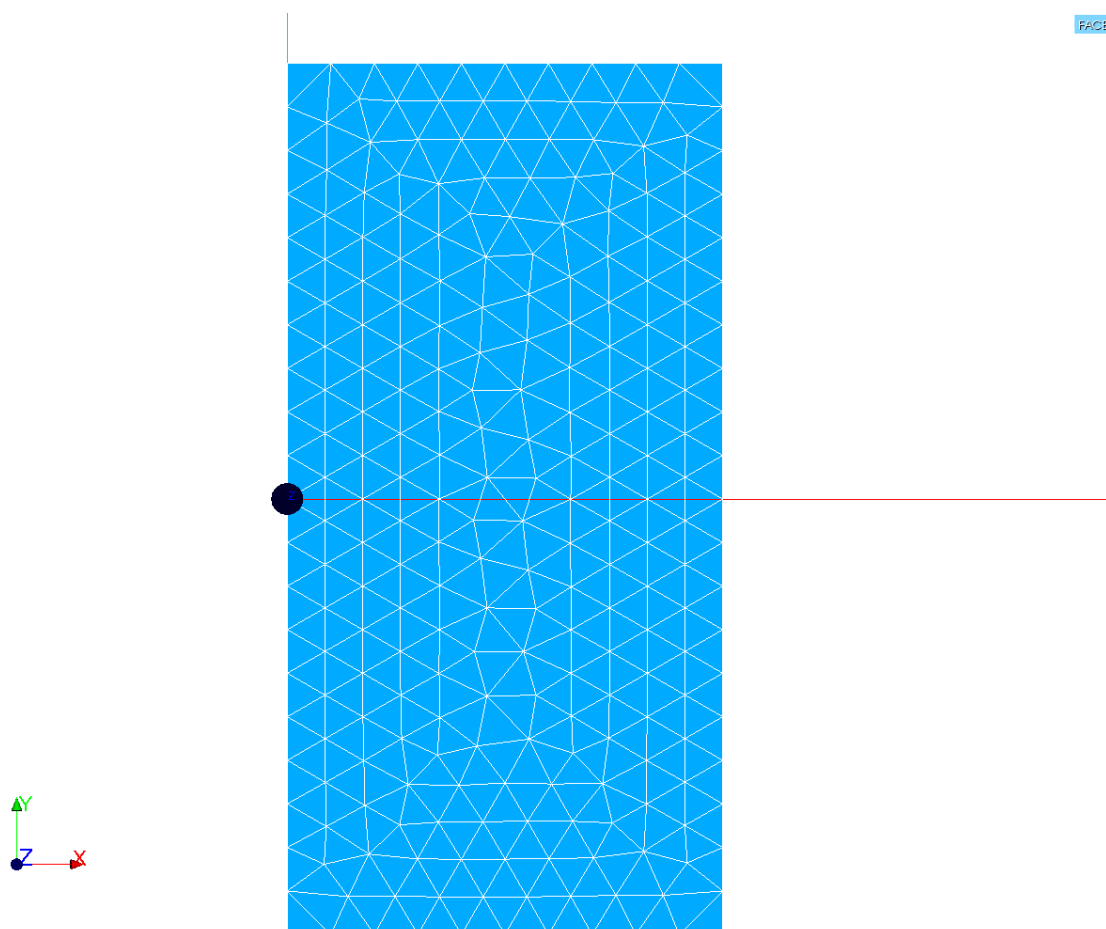


Figure 4.2-a: initial grid 2d axisymmetric

Many nodes: 250  
Number of meshes and type: 438 TRIA3

This grid will be refined in an automatic way before the mechanical resolution thanks to the software Lobster in a zone around the bottom of crack. The target size of the meshes of the refined grid is  $h_c = 0,15$ . That implies 4 calls to Lobster. After refinement, the size of the meshes is of approximately  $h = 0,078$  and the grid comprises:

Many nodes: 424  
Number of meshes and type: 786 TRIA3

The ray of the refined zone east  $R_{raff} = 6h$ .

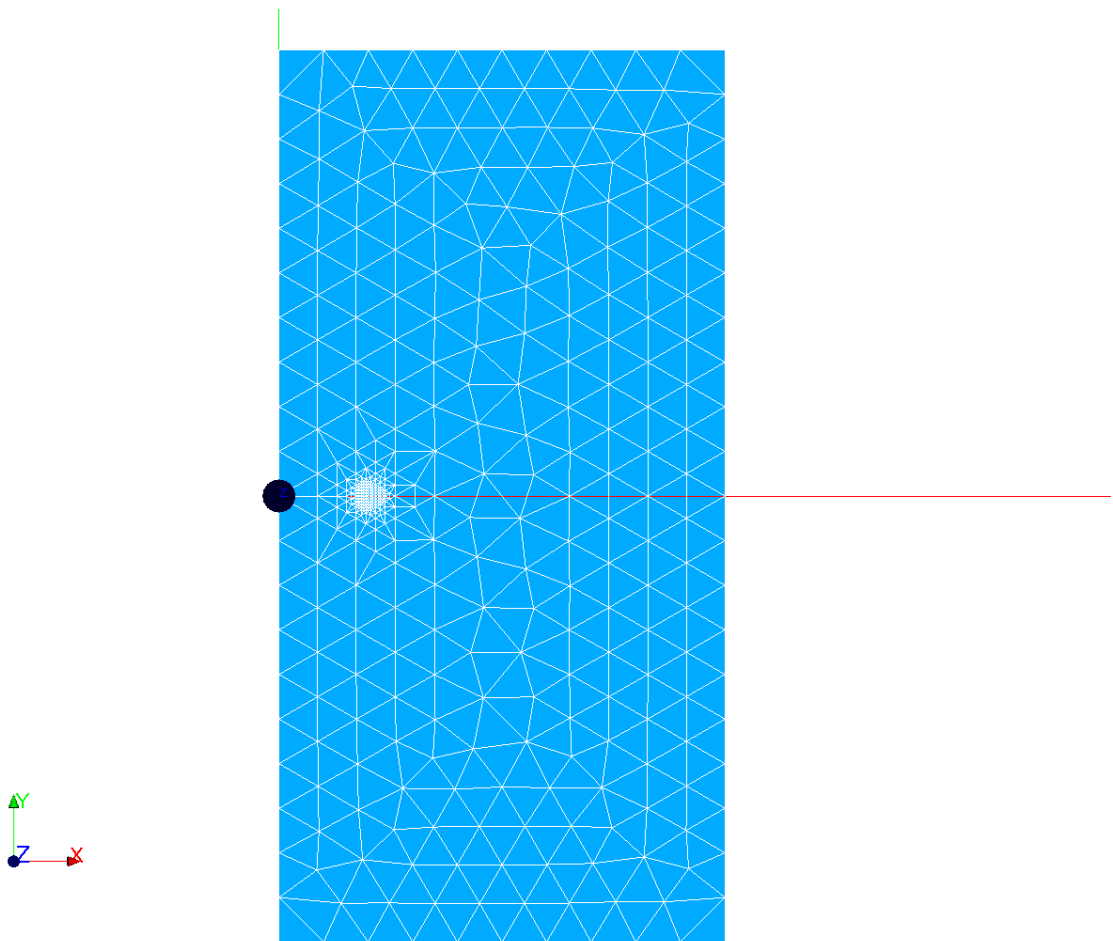


Figure 4.2-b: axisymmetric grid 2d after automatic refinement

## 4.3 Sizes tested and results

One tests the values of  $G$  and  $K_I$  calculated by the order `CALC_G` option '`CALC_K_G`', as well as the value of  $G$  calculated by the order `CALC_G` (option '`CALC_G`'). Since modeling is axisymmetric, the relation between the rates of refund of energy total and local is [R7.02.01]:  $G_{réf}(\theta) = G(s) \cdot a$ , that is to say here  $G_{réf} = 23.172 J/m$  for the value of  $G$  calculated with the option '`CALC_G`'.

The crown of integration is: 2h – 5h.

Identification	Reference	Type of reference	% tolerance
$G$ (option ' <code>CALC_K_G</code> ')	11.586	ANALYTICAL	3,0
$K_I$	$1.595 \cdot 10^6$	ANALYTICAL	3,0
$G$ (option ' <code>CALC_G</code> ')	23,172	ANALYTICAL	3.0

## 5 Summaries of the results

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This test shows that the command file Aster obtained thanks to Wizard (assistant) *Ace-Analysis* module Aster of Salomé-meca makes it possible to conclude a calculation of harmfulness of crack in 3D and 2D axisymmetric because the got results (rate of refund of energy and stress intensity factor) are in accordance with the analytical solution.