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## HSNV132 - Crack X-FEM in thermoelasticity

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### Summary

The purpose of this test is to validate the taking into account of a thermal loading for a calculation of cracking by method X-FEM [bib1] on an academic case 2D/3D .

This test brings into play a square plate with a right crack leading, embedded to the lower edge, and subjected to a horizontal variation in temperature. This loading causes to open the crack. One compares displacement for the node end in top with right, for FEM and X-FEM. This test comprises a call to `THER_LINEAIRE`, then `MECA_STATIQUE`.

Four modelings are considered:

- modeling *A* : FEM 2D (taken as reference),
- modeling *B* : X-FEM 2D , crack in the middle of the elements,
- modeling *C* : X-FEM 3D (one blocks displacements according to  $z$  ), crack in the middle of the elements,
- modeling *D* : X-FEM 3D , modeling in truth 3d , without putting  $DZ=0$  , to validate the calculation of  $G$  in 3D .
- modeling *E* : X-FEM 3D , modeling in truth 3d , without putting  $DZ=0$  , to validate the calculation of  $G$  in 3D . Similar to modeling *D* except the fact that the surfaces upper and lower were embedded to induce important constraints.

One finds a lower deviation than 1% for displacement, and a variation of 3,5% on  $K_I$  and 1,4 % on  $K_{II}$ .

## 1 Problem of reference

### 1.1 Geometry

The structure 2d is a unit square ( $LX = 1\text{ m}$ ,  $LY = 1\text{ m}$ ), comprising an on the right emerging right crack, located at middle height. [Figure 1.1-1]. One calls the line of left the line in  $x=0$ , the line of right-hand side the line in  $x=LX$  and the line the lower line in  $y=0$ .

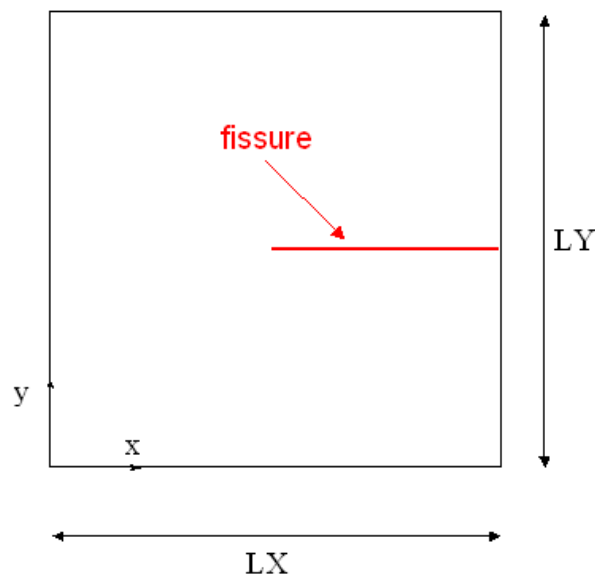


Figure 1.1-1 : geometry of the fissured square plate

### 1.2 Properties of material

Young modulus:  $E = 205000\text{ MPa}$   
Poisson's ratio:  $\nu = 0.3$   
Thermal dilation coefficient:  $\alpha = 1,28210^{-5}$   
Thermal conductivity:  $\lambda = 1\text{ W.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$   
Voluminal heat-storage capacity:  $\rho C_p = 0\text{ J.m}^{-3}.\text{K}^{-1}$

### 1.3 Boundary conditions and loadings

#### 1.3.1 For the thermal part

The thermal loading consists in applying an imposed temperature  $T = 20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  on the nodes of the line of left and an imposed temperature  $T = 220\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  on the nodes of the line of right-hand side. The variation in temperature is uniform and opens the crack in mixed mode.

#### 1.3.2 For the mechanical part

The nodes of the lower line are embedded.

## 1.4 Bibliography

1. GENIAUT S., MASSIN P.: eXtended Finite Method Element, Handbook of reference of Code\_Code\_Aster, [R7.02.12]
2. CRYSTAL E., PROIX J.M.: Calculation of the stress intensity factors, [R7.02.08].

## 2 Modeling a: fissures with a grid in dimension 2

In this modeling, one considers the structure in 2D . The classical finite element method is used. This modeling is used as reference for the continuation.

### 2.1 Characteristics of the grid

The structure is modelled by a regular grid composed of  $100 \times 100$  QUAD8, respectively along the axes  $x$ ,  $y$ . The crack is with a grid.

### 2.2 Sizes tested and results

One tests the values of following displacement  $X$  and  $Y$  point end 'PTEXTR' coordinates (1;1).

One tests also the value of the stress intensity factor  $K_I$  data by CALC\_G, option CALC\_K\_G like that given by  $K_I$  of POST\_K1\_K2\_K3 [bib2].

Finally, it is tested  $G$  given by CALC\_G, option CALC\_G.

All these tests are tests of not-regression.

Values obtained for DX, DY, G and the value of K1 obtained with CALC\_K\_G are used as values of reference for following modelings.

Identification	Code_Aster
DX (PTEXTR)	- 8.7404263 10 <sup>-4</sup>
DY (PTEXTR)	3.826096 10 <sup>-3</sup>
K1 (CALC_G/CALC_K_G)	9.0328413 10 <sup>6</sup>
K1 (POST_K1_K2_K3)	8.4543655 10 <sup>6</sup>
G (CALC_G/CALC_G)	492,82

## 3 Modeling b: fissures not-with a grid in dimension 2

In this modeling, one considers the structure in 2D . The wide finite element method (X-FEM) is used.

This modeling utilizes two command files (hsnv132b.comm and hsnv132b.com1). In each file, one models the same problem strictly, but by a different strategy (only at ends of validation). Sizes tested, as well as the values of nonregression are identical of one file to the other.

file hsnv132b.comm:

Elements X-FEM play a part only on the level it calculation mechanical to represent the discontinuity of displacement through the crack. For the thermal part, the temperature is calculated on a healthy thermal model, the temperature is in fact continuous through the lips of the crack.

file hsnv132b.com1:

Elements X-FEM play a part on the level of thermal calculation and the level of mechanical calculation. For the thermal part, one imposes a continuous temperature through the interface (via AFFE\_CHAR\_THER / ECHANGE\_PAROI / TEMP\_CONTINUE = 'YES'). One thus models the same problem as in the preceding command file, but different discretization.

### 3.1 Characteristics of the grid

The structure is modelled by a regular grid composed of  $101 \times 101$  QUAD4, respectively along the axes  $x$  ,  $y$  . The crack is not with a grid.

### 3.2 Sizes tested and results

One tests the values of following displacement  $X$  and  $Y$  point end 'PTEXTR' coordinates (1,1) .

One tests also the value of the stress intensity factor  $K_I$  data by CALC\_G, option CALC\_K\_G like that given by  $K_I$  of POST\_K1\_K2\_K3.

Finally, it is tested  $G$  given by CALC\_G, option CALC\_G.

The values of reference are those obtained by modeling A.

Identification	Type of reference	Reference	% Tolerance
DX (PTEXTR)	AUTRE_ASTER	- 8.740426 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.0
DY (PTEXTR)	AUTRE_ASTER	3.826096 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.0
K1 (CALC_G/CALC_K_G)	AUTRE_ASTER	9.0328413 10 <sup>6</sup>	2.0
K1 (POST_K1_K2_K3)	AUTRE_ASTER	9.0328413 10 <sup>6</sup>	4.0
G (CALC_G/CALC_G)	AUTRE_ASTER	492,82	2.0

## 4 Modeling C: crack not-with a grid in false 3D

In this modeling, one considers the structure in 3d, but all degrees of freedom according to  $z$  (not only displacements) are put at zero to be reduced to the case 2d. Wide finite element method (X-FEM) is used.

This modeling utilizes two command files (hsnv132c.comm and hsnv132c.com1). In each file, one models the same problem strictly, but by a different strategy (only at ends of validation). Sizes tested, as well as the values of nonregression are identical of one file to the other.

file [hsnv132c.comm](#):

Elements X-FEM play a part only on the level of calculation mechanical to represent the discontinuity of displacement through the crack. For the thermal part, the temperature is calculated on a healthy thermal model, the temperature is in fact continuous through the lips of the crack.

file [hsnv132c.com1](#):

Elements X-FEM play a part on the level of thermal calculation and the level of mechanical calculation. For the thermal part, one imposes a continuous temperature through the interface (via `AFFE_CHAR_THER / ECHANGE_PAROI / TEMP_CONTINUE = 'YES'`). One thus models the same problem as in the preceding command file, but different discretization.

### 4.1 Characteristics of the grid

The structure is modelled by a regular grid composed of  $11 \times 11 \times 1$  HEXA8, respectively along the axes  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ . The crack is not with a grid.

### 4.2 Boundary conditions and loadings

To be reduced to the case 2D, it is necessary to block all the following degrees of freedom  $z$ . To block displacements according to  $z$  is not enough, the degrees of freedom nouveau riches have a strong importance. It is thus necessary to impose  $DZ=0$  on all the nodes, and to impose too  $HIZ=0$  on the nodes nouveau riches by Heaviside and  $EIZ=E2Z=E3Z=E4Z=0$  on all the nodes nouveau riches by the asymptotic functions.

### 4.3 Sizes tested and results

One tests the values of following displacement  $X$  and  $Y$  point end 'PTEXTR' coordinates (1,1).

One does not test the value of the rate of refund of energy  $G$  data by `CALC_G` nor that of the stress intensity factor  $K_I$  data by  $K_I$  of `POST_K1_K2_K3` because the fact of forcing displacements according to  $Z$  is not in accordance with 2D from the energy point of view.

The values of reference are those obtained by modeling A.

Identification	Type of reference	Reference	% tolerance
DX (PTEXTR)	AUTRE_ASTER	- 8.740426 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2
DY (PTEXTR)	AUTRE_ASTER	3.826095 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1

## 5 Modeling D: crack not-with a grid in true 3D

In this modeling, one considers the structure in 3D. Wide finite element method (X-FEM) is used.

This modeling utilizes two command files (hsnv132d.comm and hsnv132d.com1). In each file, one models the same problem strictly, but by a different strategy (only at ends of validation). Sizes tested, as well as the values of nonregression are identical of one file to the other.

file [hsnv132d.comm](#):

Elements X-FEM play a part only on the level it calculation mechanical to represent the discontinuity of displacement through the crack. For the thermal part, the temperature is calculated on a healthy thermal model, the temperature is in fact continuous through the lips of the crack.

file [hsnv132d.com1](#):

Elements X-FEM play a part on the level of thermal calculation and the level of mechanical calculation. For the thermal part, one imposes a continuous temperature through the interface (via `AFFE_CHAR_THER / ECHANGE_PAROI / TEMP_CONTINUE = 'YES'`). One thus models the same problem as in the preceding command file, but different discretization.

### 5.1 Characteristics of the grid

The structure is modelled by a regular grid composed of  $31 \times 31 \times 10$  HEXA8, respectively along the axes  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ . The crack is not with a grid.

### 5.2 Sizes tested and results

One tests the value of the stress intensity factors  $G$  given by `CALC_G` and `CALC_K_G` on item 5 of the bottom of the crack. These values are identical.

Identification	Type of reference	Values of référence
$G$	'NON_REGRESSION'	231.412800803

Note:

1. It is noted that the bar is quasi-free of thermal dilation.
2. It is noted that `G_IRWIN` is very different from  $G$  calculated by `CALC_G`. It is a purely thermal problem. The fact that one uses the singular solutions of a thermomechanical problem involved values of  $K$  bad. However, the values of  $G$  is right. See the documents R for more information.
3. It is noted that the values of  $G$  obtained with option `CALC_G` and `CALC_K_G` are identical.

## 6 Modeling E: crack not-with a grid in 3D with 2 embedded surfaces

In this modeling, one considers the structure in 3D identical to modeling D suuf the fact that the 2 surfaces upper and lower were embedded to induce important constraints. Wide finite element method ( X-FEM ) is used.

This modeling utilizes two command files (hsnv132e.comm and hsnv132e.com1). In each file, one models the same problem strictly, but by a different strategy (only at ends of validation). Sizes tested, as well as the values of nonregression are identical of one file to the other.

file [hsnv132e.comm](#):

Elements X-FEM play a part only on the level it calculation mechanical to represent the discontinuity of displacement through the crack. For the thermal part, the temperature is calculated on a healthy thermal model, the temperature is in fact continuous through the lips of the crack.

file [hsnv132e.com1](#):

Elements X-FEM play a part on the level of thermal calculation and the level of mechanical calculation. For the thermal part, one imposes a continuous temperature through the interface (via `AFTE_CHAR_THER / ECHANGE_PAROI / TEMP_CONTINUE = 'YES'`). One thus models the same problem as in the preceding command file, but different discretization.

### 6.1 Characteristics of the grid

The structure is modelled by a regular grid composed of  $31 \times 31 \times 10$  HEXA8, respectively along the axes  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ . The crack is not with a grid.

### 6.2 Sizes tested and results

One tests the value of the stress intensity factors  $G$  given by `CALC_G` and `CALC_K_G` on item 5 of the bottom of the crack. These values are identical. One thus tests the values of the factors of intensity of the constraints.

Identification	Type of reference	Values of référence
$G$ obtained with <code>CALC_G/CALC_G</code>	'NON_REGRESSION'	393366.055819
$G$ obtained with <code>CALC_G/CALC_G/</code>	'NON_REGRESSION'	393366.055819
$K_I$ obtained with <code>CALC_G/CALC_G/</code>	'NON_REGRESSION'	-310148521.794
$K_{II}$ obtained with <code>CALC_G/CALC_G/</code>	'NON_REGRESSION'	-16044.9748463
$K_{III}$ obtained with <code>CALC_G/CALC_G/</code>	'NON_REGRESSION'	884808.766742

Note:

1. It is noted that  $G_{IRWIN}$  is not very different from  $G$  calculated by `CALC_G`. The fact that one uses the singular solutions of a thermomechanical problem involved approximate values of  $K$ . However, the values of  $G$  is right. See the documents R for more information.
2. It is noted that the values of  $G$  obtained with option `CALC_G` and `CALC_K_G` are identical.



## 7 Summaries of the results

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The goals of this test are achieved:

- to validate on a simple case the taking into account of the temperature on mechanical calculation with X-FEM ,
- to validate the calculation of the stress intensity factors for the elements X-FEM , in particular terms related to thermics.