

# **Finite-Element Simulations**

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#### Two intersecting fractures model



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Relative dimensions of Fracture with 10 cm width and computation grid cell size 0.5 cm (shown 20x20 cells) modeled in Tesseral FD grid



FE grid





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Shown with red arrow "bean" wave is propagating along fracture in direction shown with yellow arrow

Snapshot #31: Center of wave is 300 mm (scaled) time is 300 mcs (scaled)

Calculated velocity of "bean" wave propagation is 100 mm/100 ms~= 1 mm/mcs= 1 m/ms= 1000 m/s











## Infinite fracture (1cm width)



b)



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#### By analytical formulae:

For a model Vp=3000m/s,Vs=1625m/s, Density= 2.2g/cm3 and fracture thickness = 1 cm filled with water, the exact solution gives Vk= 137 m/s for 10 Hz, Vk= 601 m/s for 1 KHz, (c) Vk= 1212 m/s for 20 KHz (a,b)

#### By numerical modeling experiments:

Model as above a) fracture length 20 cm, Rikker 20 KHz: (~195cm-110cm)/ (480mcs-390mcs)= ~85cm/90mcs= ~950m/s **b)** "infinite" fracture length, Rikker 20 KHz (~360cm-240cm)/ (220mcs-100mcs)= ~120cm/110mcs= ~1090m/s c) "infinite" fracture length, Rikker 1 KHz (~350cm-250cm)/ (620mcs-430mcs)= ~100cm/190mcs= ~530m/s

## Summary

Comparison of velocity values provided and obtained by numerical modeling shows that "numerical" velocities are ~88-90% of the theoretical ones which is quite within used allowable numerical assumptions:

 Rikker wavelet with particular peak frequency (e.g. 1, 20 KHz) actually contain (amplitude spectrum) a band of frequencies and it may be a cause of discrepancies between theoretical and "numerical" velocities.

