

Scattering of SH waves by a scalene triangular hill with a shallow cavity in half-space

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Abstract: In this study, a theoretical approach is used to investigate the scattering problem of circular holes under a scalene triangle on the surface. The wave displacement function is obtained by solving the Helmholtz equation that meets the zero-stress boundary conditions by adopting the method of separation of variables. Based on the complex function, multi-polar coordinate method, and region-matching technique, algebraic equations are established at auxiliary boundaries and free boundaries conditions in a complex domain. The auxiliary circle is used to solve the singularity of the reflex angle at the triangle corner. Then, according to sample statistics, the least squares method is used instead of the Fourier expansion method to solve the undetermined coefficient of the algebraic equations by discrete boundary. Numerical results show that the continuity of the auxiliary boundaries and the accuracy of the zero-stress boundaries are adequate, and the displacement of the free surface and the stress of the circular hole are related to the shape of the triangle, the position of the circular hole, the direction of the incident wave, and the frequency content of the excitation. Finally, time-domain responses are calculated by FFT based on the frequency domain theory, and the results reveal the wave propagation mechanism in a complicated structure.

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1 Introduction

The scattering of waves by various convex or concave shapes on the surface has always been an important research topic in the field of wave motion. The approaches to solve these types of problems can be divided into two categories: theoretical analysis methods and numerical methods.

As to the concave topographies like canyons and alluvial valleys, many mature research results have been

published. Pioneering work in this area was done in the early 1970s. The wave function expansion method was used to analyze the local semi-cylindrical canyon scattering in the half space under the action of incident SH waves (Trifunac, 1973). The Hermite function and mapping function were applied to analyze scattering of SH waves with arbitrary shape depressions (Liu and Han, 1991). Subsequently, the introduction of Graf's addition theorem provided an analytical solution to the SH waves scattering by a cylindrical canyon of circular-arc cross-section (Yuan and Liao, 1994), and the weighted residual method was applied to 2D canyons of arbitrary shape (Lee and Wu, 1991). The degenerate kernels and Fourier series expansions were adopted in the null-field integral equation to analyze the surface motion of multiple alluvial valleys for incident plane SH waves (Chen *et al.*, 2008, 2017). In recent years, based on the region-matching technique, many more complex concave topographies have been theoretically studied, such as V-shaped canyon, circular sectorial canyon, and deep semi-elliptic canyon with a horizontal edge (e.g., Tsaor and Chang, 2008; Tsaor *et al.*, 2010, 2018; Zhang *et al.*, 2012, 2015; Chang *et al.*, 2013; Liu *et al.*, 2019).

Due to the multiple reflections of the incident wave on the convex surface, the scattering of the incident

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wave by the convex surface is more complicated than that on the concave surface. The two-dimensional model is divided into a closed circular region and a half space with a semi-circular concave topography by introducing a semi-circular auxiliary boundary, to study the scattering of plane SH waves by a semi-cylindrical hill in the half-space (e.g., Lee *et al.*, 2006; Yuan and Men, 1992; Todorovska *et al.*, 2001; Yuan *et al.*, 1996). The anti-plane response of an isosceles triangle, a scalene triangle, and an isosceles trapezoidal hill to SH waves is studied through the construction of complex displacement fields and complex coordinates (Qiu and Liu, 2005; Lin *et al.*, 2010; Yang *et al.*, 2019). Application of a series of expansion and construction complex displacement fields to solve scattering of plane SH waves by a circular-arc hill with a circular tunnel has been carried out (Liang *et al.*, 2004). In addition, numerical methods have been used to solve the scattering of SH waves by concave and convex topography. A hybrid method based on a combination of transfinite interpolation and series expansion solves the problem of irregular surface scattering (Shyu *et al.*, 2014). A hybrid method based on the combination of Lamb series and the finite element method was also used to investigate a dike with trapezoidal structure and a circular-arc foundation embedded in an elastic half-space (Shyu *et al.*, 2017), and the boundary element solution was used to evaluate the geometric effects of the canyon site (Panji *et al.*, 2013; Tarinejad *et al.*, 2019; Liu *et al.*, 2020; Kumar and Chakraborty, 2020). From the 1990s until now, the combination of terrain and underground structure has received much attention. Scattering of SH waves by a semicircular canyon above a subsurface unlined tunnel, circular-arc hill with a circular tunnel, and V shaped canyon with a circular structure was studied by Graf's addition theorem (e.g., Lee and Manoogian, 1995; Lee *et al.*, 1999; Liang *et al.*, 2004; Gao and Chen, 2018; Chen and Zhang, 2019; Panji and Habibivand, 2020).

In engineering, both surface motion and hole stress concentrations have increasingly drawn attention, especially for more complicated structures of the interaction between topography and hole (Chen *et al.*, 2016), such as the problems in seismic design of subsea tunnels, earthquake-proof building problems in mountainous residential areas with drainage tunnels or underground caves, and vibration problems of irregular boundary plates with holes. For example, according to seismic design code, irregular buildings and high-rise buildings need acceleration or displacement time history curves to evaluate strength by the time history analysis method. Terrain and underground structures have a significant amplification effect on the surface time history curve; therefore, the complex structure transfer function is used to obtain seismic time-domain spectroscopy, which provides indispensable research content for seismic analysis of building structures.

In this study, based on existing research results, the SH wave scattering problem of shallow circular holes

under scalene triangles is studied. A more flexible non-semicircle region division method is used to solve the shallow hole problem and an auxiliary circle is used to solve the singularity of the reflex angle at the triangle corner, which was proposed by Achenbach (1970). The wave displacement function is obtained by solving the Helmholtz equation that meets the scalene triangle zero-stress boundary conditions by the separation of variables method. Based on complex coordinates and the symmetric method, suitable wave functions that satisfy the governing equation and zero-stress free boundary condition are constructed. Since there are many wave equations of sub-regions which correspond to coordinate systems, multiple complex coordinate systems are involved to transform the coordinate system of each region wave field expressions. In particular, for the difference in the range of wave function series and multiple auxiliary boundary continuous conditions, a more effective least squares method which only need discrete boundary is proposed. The discrete point spacing and boundary equation amplitude adjustments are used to coordinate Euclidean distance weight. After numerical simulation, the high accuracy of the auxiliary boundary continuity and comparisons with FEM results prove the accuracy of region-matching technique, wave function equation and least squares method. Finally, the effects of different angles of incidence, frequency content of the excitation, slopes of triangular edges, and positions of hole on surface motion and hole stress are discussed in the frequency domain, and the process of wave propagation and scattering around the triangle and shallow circle are shown in the time domain. This study has proposed using an auxiliary circle to solve the singularity of the reflex angle to improve convergence, and a direct and effective discrete boundary least squares method, which solves the precision problem of complex boundary conditions of scattered waves.

2 Methodology

2.1 Model

The model, shown in Fig. 1, consists of a scalene triangle on a half space and a hole under a free surface, where O stands for the triangular peak, C_1 and C_2 symbolize hypotenuse with the gradients of $1:n_1$ and $1:n_2$, O_2 is the circle center with rounded edge D_2 , and S represents a half space free flat surface. The SH-wave propagates in the linear elastic half space with shear modulus μ and density ρ at an incident angle α .

2.2 Equation of motion

To solve the singularity of the reflex angle at a triangle corner and obtain the global displacement function which satisfies the Helmholtz equation and complicated boundary conditions, a region-matching

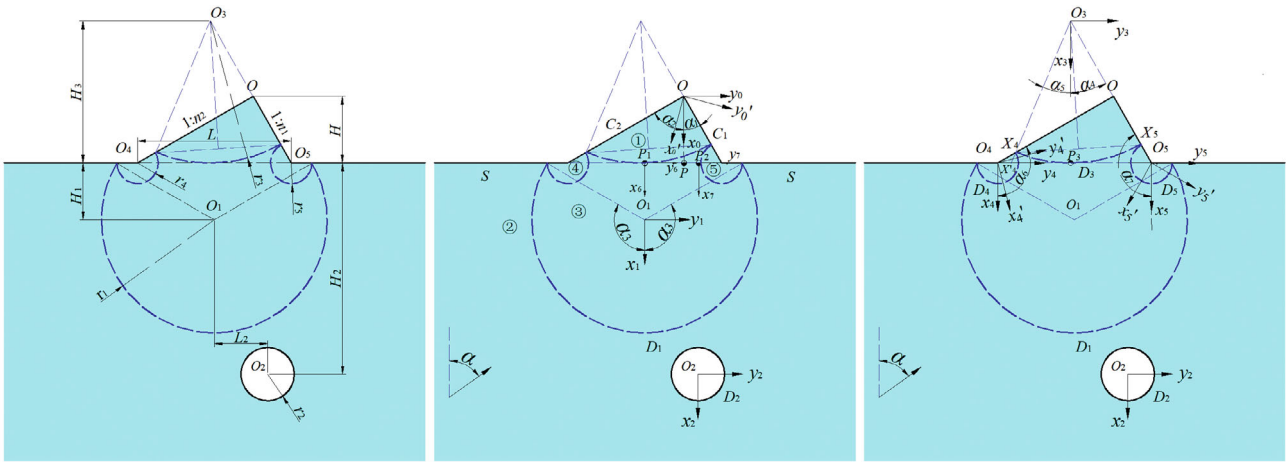


Fig. 1 Model of scalene triangle with a hole

technique and auxiliary circle are used. The space can be divided into region ① ② ③ ④ and ⑤ by auxiliary boundary D_1 with a circle center O_1 , auxiliary boundary D_3 with a circle center O_3 and so on. P, P_1 and P_2 are the projection of O, O_1 and O_2 on the flat surface in region ③. The coordinate systems are established as shown in the figure, where the x-axis bisects the angle of the triangle corner. More details about each angle are presented in the Appendix.

In homogeneous, isotropic, and linearly elastic medium, the steady-state out-of-plane motions are required to satisfy the governing Helmholtz equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{c_s^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} \quad (1)$$

The time-harmonic factor $e^{-i\omega t}$ is omitted, and the equation can be simplified into the following form:

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + k^2 w = 0 \quad (2)$$

where w is the displacement function, $k = \omega/c_s$ is the shear wave number, $c_s = \sqrt{\mu/\rho}$ is the shear wave velocity of incident wave, and ω is the circular harmonic frequency.

Introducing complex variables $z = x + yi$ and $\bar{z} = x - yi$, in the complex plane (z, \bar{z}) , Eq. (2) can be rewritten as:

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z \partial \bar{z}} + \frac{1}{4} k^2 w = 0 \quad (3)$$

Correspondingly, radial stress and hoop stress have the forms of

$$\tau_{rz} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} e^{\theta i} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial \bar{z}} e^{-\theta i} \right) \quad (4)$$

$$\tau_{\theta z} = i\mu \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} e^{\theta i} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial \bar{z}} e^{-\theta i} \right) \quad (5)$$

2.3 Wave function in region ① ④ ⑤

There is only standing wave $W^{(0)}$ in the closed region ①, ④ or ⑤, it needs satisfy governing Eq. (2) and the free hypotenuse condition.

Zero-stress condition of free surface hypotenuse C_1 and C_2 can be expressed as:

$$\tau_{\theta z}^c = \begin{cases} 0 & \theta = +\frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{2} \\ 0 & \theta = -\frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{2} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

In polar coordinates, the wave equation is

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \theta^2} + k^2 w = 0 \quad (7)$$

The separated variable method, introducing $w = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$, Eq. (7) can be solved:

$$\begin{cases} \Theta(\theta) = A_\lambda \cos(\lambda\theta) + B_\lambda \sin(\lambda\theta) \\ R(r) = J_\lambda(kr) \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Hoop stress: $\tau_{\theta z} = \mu \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} = \mu \frac{1}{r} J_\lambda(kr) \frac{\partial \Theta(\theta)}{\partial \theta}$

substitute the boundary conditions to obtain

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{2m\pi}{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)} \text{ and } \lambda_2 = \frac{(2m+1)\pi}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} \quad m = 0, 1, 2 \dots \quad (9)$$

A standing-wave function which satisfies the zero-

stress condition at the triangular edges is written as:

$$w = \sum A_{\lambda_1} J_{\lambda_1}(kr) \cos(\lambda_1 \theta) + B_{\lambda_2} J_{\lambda_2}(kr) \sin(\lambda_2 \theta) \quad (10)$$

In the complex plane, corresponding to coordinate system oxy , according to Eq. (10), the standing wave $W^{D3(1)}$ satisfying governing Eq. (2) and boundary condition Eq. (6) can be written as

$$W^{D3(1)}(Z_0', \bar{Z}_0') = W_0 \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left\{ C_m J_{mp_0}(K_1 |Z_0'|) \left[\left(\frac{Z_0'}{|Z_0'|} \right)^{mp_0} + (-1)^m \left(\frac{Z_0'}{|Z_0'|} \right)^{-mp_0} \right] \right\} \quad (11)$$

where W_0 is the displacement amplitude, which is supposed to be unity in this study. C_m is a coefficient to be determined. $J_{mp_0}(\cdot)$ is the Bessel functions with mp_0 th order, $p_0 = \pi / (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$. In $W^{D3(1)}$ characters, superscripts⁽¹⁾ means region ①, superscripts $D3$ represent auxiliary boundary D_3 . K_1 is the shear wave number of region ①. The following symbol marking method is similar.

According to moving coordinates, Z_0' can be expressed as

$$Z_0' = (Z_3 + b_{03}) e^{q_0 i} \quad (12)$$

where $q_0 = (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) / 2$ is the angle between ox and the vertical line, and $b_{03} = H - H_3 + (H \tan(\alpha_1) - H_3 \tan(\alpha_4))i$ is the complex coordinates of O_3 with origin at O .

In the complex plane (z, \bar{z}) , Eq. (11) can be rewritten as

$$W^{D3(1)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) = W_0 \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left\{ C_m J_{mp_0}(K_1 |(Z_3 + b_{03}) e^{q_0 i}|) \left[\left(\frac{(Z_3 + b_{03}) e^{q_0 i}}{|(Z_3 + b_{03}) e^{q_0 i}|} \right)^{mp_0} + (-1)^m \left(\frac{(Z_3 + b_{03}) e^{q_0 i}}{|(Z_3 + b_{03}) e^{q_0 i}|} \right)^{-mp_0} \right] \right\} \quad (13)$$

The corresponding shear stresses are:

$$\tau_{r_3 z}^{D3(1)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) = \frac{\mu_1 K_1 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left\{ C_m \hat{P}_{mp_0}^J \left((Z_3 + b_{03}) e^{q_0 i} \right) \right\} \quad (14)$$

$$\tau_{\theta_3 z}^{D3(1)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) = \frac{i \mu_1 K_1 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left\{ C_m \hat{Q}_{mp_0}^J \left((Z_3 + b_{03}) e^{q_0 i} \right) \right\} \quad (15)$$

where \hat{P}_{mp}^J , \hat{Q}_{mp}^J are presented in the Appendix. J represents the Bessel functions in the appendix equation.

If J is replaced by H , indicates the Hankel function. μ_1 is the shear modulus of region ①. The following symbol marking method is similar.

Similarly the ④ region and ⑤ region can be rewritten as

$$W^{D4(4)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) = W_0 \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left\{ F_m J_{mp_4}(K_4 |(Z_4 + b_{44}) e^{q_4 i}|) \cdot \left[\left(\frac{(Z_4 + b_{44}) e^{q_4 i}}{|(Z_4 + b_{44}) e^{q_4 i}|} \right)^{mp_4} + (-1)^m \left(\frac{(Z_4 + b_{44}) e^{q_4 i}}{|(Z_4 + b_{44}) e^{q_4 i}|} \right)^{-mp_4} \right] \right\} \quad (16)$$

$$W^{D5(5)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) = W_0 \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left\{ G_m J_{mp_5}(K_5 |(Z_5 + b_{55}) e^{q_5 i}|) \cdot \left[\left(\frac{(Z_5 + b_{55}) e^{q_5 i}}{|(Z_5 + b_{55}) e^{q_5 i}|} \right)^{mp_5} + (-1)^m \left(\frac{(Z_5 + b_{55}) e^{q_5 i}}{|(Z_5 + b_{55}) e^{q_5 i}|} \right)^{-mp_5} \right] \right\} \quad (17)$$

where $q_4 = (\pi/2 - \alpha_6) / 2$, $q_5 = (\alpha_7 - \pi/2) / 2$, $p_4 = \pi / (\pi/2 + \alpha_6)$, $p_5 = \pi / (\alpha_7 + \pi/2)$, $b_{44} = b_{55} = 0$.

The corresponding shear stresses are:

$$\tau_{r_4 z}^{D4(4)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) = \frac{\mu_4 K_4 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left\{ F_m \hat{P}_{mp_4}^J \left((Z_4 + b_{44}) e^{q_4 i} \right) \right\} \quad (18)$$

$$\tau_{\theta_4 z}^{D4(4)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) = \frac{i \mu_4 K_4 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left\{ F_m \hat{Q}_{mp_4}^J \left((Z_4 + b_{44}) e^{q_4 i} \right) \right\} \quad (19)$$

$$\tau_{r_5 z}^{D5(5)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) = \frac{\mu_5 K_5 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left\{ G_m \hat{P}_{mp_5}^J \left((Z_5 + b_{55}) e^{q_5 i} \right) \right\} \quad (20)$$

$$\tau_{\theta_5 z}^{D5(5)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) = \frac{i \mu_5 K_5 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left\{ G_m \hat{Q}_{mp_5}^J \left((Z_5 + b_{55}) e^{q_5 i} \right) \right\} \quad (21)$$

2.4 Wave function in region ②

In the opening region ②, the total waves can be split into incident waves $W^{(i)}$, reflected waves $W^{(r)}$ from the horizontal free surface S , and the scattered waves W^{D1} and W^{D2} by the auxiliary boundary D_1 and the hole edge D_2 .

Based on complex coordinates and the symmetric method, suitable wave functions are constructed to satisfy the governing equation and zero-stress free boundary condition. A semi-infinite space scattering field that

satisfies boundary conditions according to symmetry is also constructed. The scattering wave equation with two symmetrical holes is

$$w = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} A_m H_m^1(k|z_1|) \left(\frac{z_1}{|z_1|} \right)^{m'} + A_m H_m^1(k|z_2|) \left(\frac{z_2}{|z_2|} \right)^{m'} \quad (22)$$

By $z_1 = z'_2 - 2h$, $z'_2 = -\bar{z}_2$, $z_1 = z - h$ relationship, take into Eq. (22), is expressed as follows

$$w = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} A_m \left[H_m^1(k|z-h|) \left(\frac{z-h}{|z-h|} \right)^m + (-1)^m H_{2m}^1(k|z+h|) \left(\frac{z+h}{|z+h|} \right)^{-m} \right] \quad (23)$$

According to Eq. (23), the equation of scattered wave $W^{D1(2)}$ generated by boundary D_1 and satisfying governing Eq. (2) and free boundary condition S in the complex plane (z_j, \bar{z}_j) can be written as

$$W^{D1(2)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = W_0 \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ D_m \left[H_m^1(K_2|Z_{6j}-H_1|) \left(\frac{Z_{6j}-H_1}{|Z_{6j}-H_1|} \right)^m + (-1)^m H_m^1(K_2|Z_{6j}+H_1|) \left(\frac{Z_{6j}+H_1}{|Z_{6j}+H_1|} \right)^{-m} \right] \right\} \quad (24)$$

where

$$Z_{6j} = \begin{cases} Z_1 + b_{61} & j=1 \\ Z_2 + b_{62} & j=2 \end{cases}$$

and $b_{61} = H_1$, $b_{62} = H_2 + L_2 i$.

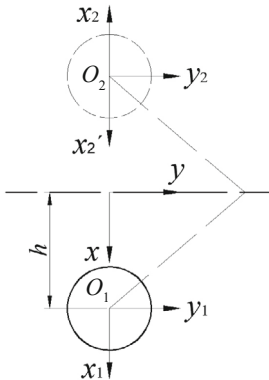


Fig. 2 Circular hole symmetry in semi-infinite space

Similarly, equation of scattered wave $W^{D2(2)}$ generated by boundary D_2 and satisfying governing Eq. (2) and free boundary condition S in the complex plane (z_j, \bar{z}_j) can be written as

$$W^{D2(2)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = W_0 \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ E_m \left[H_m^1(K_2|Z_{7j}-H_2|) \left(\frac{Z_{7j}-H_2}{|Z_{7j}-H_2|} \right)^m + (-1)^m H_m^1(K_2|Z_{7j}+H_2|) \left(\frac{Z_{7j}+H_2}{|Z_{7j}+H_2|} \right)^{-m} \right] \right\} \quad (25)$$

where

$$Z_{7j} = \begin{cases} Z_1 + b_{71} & j=1 \\ Z_2 + b_{72} & j=2 \end{cases}$$

and $b_{71} = H_1 - L_2 i$, $b_{72} = H_2$.

In the above formula, W_0 is the displacement amplitude. D_m and E_m are coefficients to be determined. $H_m^1(\cdot)$ is the Hankel functions of the first kind with m th order.

The corresponding shear stresses are:

$$\tau_{r,z}^{D1(2)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = \frac{\mu_2 K_2 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ D_m \hat{P}_m^{H^1}(Z_{3j}) \right\} \quad (26)$$

$$\tau_{\theta,z}^{D1(2)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = \frac{i\mu_2 K_2 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ D_m \hat{Q}_m^{H^1}(Z_{3j}) \right\} \quad (27)$$

$$\tau_{r,z}^{D2(2)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = \frac{\mu_2 K_2 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ E_m \hat{P}_m^{H^1}(Z_{4j}) \right\} \quad (28)$$

$$\tau_{\theta,z}^{D2(2)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = \frac{i\mu_2 K_2 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ E_m \hat{Q}_m^{H^1}(Z_{4j}) \right\} \quad (29)$$

In the above stress formula, $q=0$, and see Appendix in details.

Incident and reflected waves with incidence angle α , can be represented in the Cartesian coordinate system $o_6 x_6 y_6$, and be rewritten in the complex plane (z_6, \bar{z}_6)

$$W^{(i)} = W_0 e^{ik(y_6 \sin \alpha - x_6 \cos \alpha)} = W_0 e^{\frac{-ik}{2}(z_6 e^{i\alpha} + \bar{z}_6 e^{-i\alpha})} \quad (30)$$

$$W^{(r)} = W_0 e^{ik(y_6 \sin \alpha + x_6 \cos \alpha)} = W_0 e^{\frac{ik}{2}(z_6 e^{-i\alpha} + \bar{z}_6 e^{i\alpha})}$$

$$W^{(i+r)} = W^{(i)} + W^{(r)} = W_0 \left\{ e^{\frac{-ik}{2}(z_6 e^{i\alpha} + \bar{z}_6 e^{-i\alpha})} + e^{\frac{ik}{2}(z_6 e^{-i\alpha} + \bar{z}_6 e^{i\alpha})} \right\} \quad (31)$$

The corresponding shear stresses are:

$$\tau_{r_j z}^{(i+r)} = i\mu_2 K_2 W_0 \cdot \left\{ -\cos(\theta_j + \alpha) e^{\frac{-iK_2}{2}(z_{6j} e^{a_i} + \bar{z}_{6j} e^{-a_i})} + \cos(\theta_j - \alpha) e^{\frac{iK_2}{2}(z_{6j} e^{-a_i} + \bar{z}_{6j} e^{a_i})} \right\} \quad (32)$$

$$\tau_{\theta_j z}^{(i+r)} = i\mu_2 K_2 W_0 \cdot \left\{ \sin(\theta_j + \alpha) e^{\frac{-iK_2}{2}(z_{6j} e^{a_i} + \bar{z}_{6j} e^{-a_i})} - \sin(\theta_j - \alpha) e^{\frac{iK_2}{2}(z_{6j} e^{-a_i} + \bar{z}_{6j} e^{a_i})} \right\} \quad (33)$$

2.5 Wave function in region ③

In the enclosed region ③, the total waves are composed of W^{D1} W^{D3} W^{D4} and W^{D5} generated by the auxiliary boundary D_1 D_3 D_4 and D_5 . In the complex plane (z_j, \bar{z}_j) , it can be written as

$$W^{D1(3)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = W_0 \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ I_m J_m(K_3 |Z_{1j}|) \left(\frac{Z_{1j}}{|Z_{1j}|} \right)^m \right\} \quad (34)$$

$$W^{D3(3)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = W_0 \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ K_m H_m^1(K_3 |Z_{3j}|) \left(\frac{Z_{3j}}{|Z_{3j}|} \right)^m \right\} \quad (35)$$

$$W^{D4(3)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = W_0 \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ M_m H_m^1(K_3 |Z_{4j}|) \left(\frac{Z_{4j}}{|Z_{4j}|} \right)^m \right\} \quad (36)$$

$$W^{D5(3)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = W_0 \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ N_m H_m^1(K_3 |Z_{5j}|) \left(\frac{Z_{5j}}{|Z_{5j}|} \right)^m \right\} \quad (37)$$

where

$$Z_{1j} = \begin{cases} Z_3 + b_{13} & j = 3 \\ Z_4 + b_{14} & j = 4 \\ Z_5 + b_{15} & j = 5 \end{cases} \quad Z_{3j} = \begin{cases} Z_1 + b_{31} & j = 1 \\ Z_4 + b_{34} & j = 4 \\ Z_5 + b_{35} & j = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$Z_{4j} = \begin{cases} Z_3 + b_{43} & j = 3 \\ Z_1 + b_{41} & j = 1 \\ Z_5 + b_{45} & j = 5 \end{cases} \quad Z_{5j} = \begin{cases} Z_3 + b_{53} & j = 3 \\ Z_1 + b_{51} & j = 1 \\ Z_4 + b_{54} & j = 4 \end{cases}$$

and

$$b_{31} = H_1 + H_3 + (-L/2 + H_3 \tan(\alpha_4))i,$$

$$b_{34} = H_3 + (-L + H_3 \tan(\alpha_4))i,$$

$$b_{35} = H_3 + (H_3 \tan(\alpha_4))i, \quad b_{13} = -b_{31}, \quad b_{14} = -H_1 - L/2i,$$

$$b_{15} = -H_1 + L/2i, \quad b_{43} = -b_{34}, \quad b_{41} = -b_{14}, \quad b_{45} = Li,$$

$$b_{53} = -b_{35}, \quad b_{51} = -b_{15}, \quad b_{54} = -b_{45}.$$

The corresponding shear stresses are:

$$\tau_{r_j z}^{D1(3)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ I_m P_m^J(Z_{3j}) \right\} \quad (38)$$

$$\tau_{\theta_j z}^{D1(3)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = \frac{i\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ I_m Q_m^J(Z_{3j}) \right\} \quad (39)$$

$$\tau_{r_j z}^{D3(3)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ K_m P_m^{H1}(Z_{1j}) \right\} \quad (40)$$

$$\tau_{\theta_j z}^{D3(3)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = \frac{i\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ K_m Q_m^{H1}(Z_{1j}) \right\} \quad (41)$$

$$\tau_{r_j z}^{D4(3)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ M_m P_m^{H1}(Z_{4j}) \right\} \quad (42)$$

$$\tau_{\theta_j z}^{D4(3)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = \frac{i\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ M_m Q_m^{H1}(Z_{4j}) \right\} \quad (43)$$

$$\tau_{r_j z}^{D5(3)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ N_m P_m^{H1}(Z_{5j}) \right\} \quad (44)$$

$$\tau_{\theta_j z}^{D5(3)}(Z_j, \bar{Z}_j) = \frac{i\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left\{ N_m Q_m^{H1}(Z_{5j}) \right\} \quad (45)$$

2.6 Boundary conditions and solution method

Based on the continuity conditions of displacement and stress at the auxiliary boundary D_1 , D_3 , D_4 , D_5 , and radial zero-stress at the hole edge D_2 , a system of equations is established for solving the unknown complex coefficients.

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} W^{D3(1)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) &= W^{D1(3)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) + W^{D3(3)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) + \\ &W^{D4(3)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) + W^{D5(3)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) & Z_3 \in D_3 \\ \tau_{r_3 z}^{D3(1)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) &= \tau_{r_3 z}^{D1(3)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) + \tau_{r_3 z}^{D3(3)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) + \\ &\tau_{r_3 z}^{D4(3)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) + \tau_{r_3 z}^{D5(3)}(Z_3, \bar{Z}_3) & Z_3 \in D_3 \\ W^{D4(4)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) &= W^{D1(3)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) + W^{D3(3)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) + \\ &W^{D4(3)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) + W^{D5(3)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) & Z_4 \in D_4 \\ \tau_{r_4 z}^{D4(4)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) &= \tau_{r_4 z}^{D1(3)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) + \tau_{r_4 z}^{D3(3)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) + \\ &\tau_{r_4 z}^{D4(3)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) + \tau_{r_4 z}^{D5(3)}(Z_4, \bar{Z}_4) & Z_4 \in D_4 \\ W^{D5(5)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) &= W^{D1(3)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) + W^{D3(3)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) + \\ &W^{D4(3)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) + W^{D5(3)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) & Z_5 \in D_5 \\ \tau_{r_5 z}^{D5(5)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) &= \tau_{r_5 z}^{D1(3)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) + \tau_{r_5 z}^{D3(3)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) + \\ &\tau_{r_5 z}^{D4(3)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) + \tau_{r_5 z}^{D5(3)}(Z_5, \bar{Z}_5) & Z_5 \in D_5 \\ W^{D1(2)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) &+ W^{D2(2)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) + W^{(i+r)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) = \\ &W^{D1(3)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) + W^{D3(3)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) + W^{D4(3)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) + W^{D5(3)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) & Z_1 \in D_1 \\ \tau_{r_1 z}^{D1(2)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) &+ \tau_{r_1 z}^{D2(2)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) + \tau_{r_1 z}^{(i+r)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) = \\ &\tau_{r_1 z}^{D1(3)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) + \tau_{r_1 z}^{D3(3)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) + \tau_{r_1 z}^{D4(3)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) + \tau_{r_1 z}^{D5(3)}(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) & Z_1 \in D_1 \\ \tau_{r_2 z}^{D1(2)}(Z_2, \bar{Z}_2) &+ \tau_{r_2 z}^{D2(2)}(Z_2, \bar{Z}_2) + \tau_{r_2 z}^{(i+r)}(Z_2, \bar{Z}_2) = 0 & Z_2 \in D_2 \end{aligned} \right. \quad (46)$$

Currently, the Fourier expansion method is commonly used to solve the undetermined coefficients of algebraic equations, and is an average approximation of the entire boundary conditions. Due to the wave field high gradient of the triangle edge and the auxiliary boundary corner point, the Fourier expansion method convergence speed is slow, which makes it difficult to solve the problem of the scalene triangle. Therefore, this study proposes the least squares method with direct discrete boundary conditions. Discrete points are taken according to a set distance on the boundary, and the displacement and stress on the two sides of the discrete points are equal, as shown in the figure. An infinite number of points n can be taken on the boundary to form an infinite number of equations to solve the undetermined coefficients C_m, D_m, E_m, \dots . To minimize the error of the undetermined coefficient of the finite term, a large number of sample points n ($n \gg m$) are approximated to the true solution by the least squares method. This study uses non-equidistant discrete points and stress terms divided by μk (not reflected in the formula) to coordinate the weights of Euclidean distance. The matrix is expressed as

$$\bar{M}^T M X = \bar{M}^T N \quad (47)$$

where

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -c_{nm}^3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & i_{nm}^3 & k_{nm}^3 & m_{nm}^3 & n_{nm}^3 \\ -c_{nm}^{3r} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & i_{nm}^{3r} & k_{nm}^{3r} & m_{nm}^{3r} & n_{nm}^{3r} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -f_{nm}^4 & 0 & i_{nm}^4 & k_{nm}^4 & m_{nm}^4 & n_{nm}^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -f_{nm}^{4r} & 0 & i_{nm}^{4r} & k_{nm}^{4r} & m_{nm}^{4r} & n_{nm}^{4r} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & g_{nm}^5 & i_{nm}^5 & k_{nm}^5 & m_{nm}^5 & n_{nm}^5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & g_{nm}^{5r} & i_{nm}^{5r} & k_{nm}^{5r} & m_{nm}^{5r} & n_{nm}^{5r} \\ 0 & -d_{nm}^1 & -e_{nm}^1 & 0 & 0 & i_{nm}^1 & k_{nm}^1 & m_{nm}^1 & n_{nm}^1 \\ 0 & -d_{nm}^{1r} & -e_{nm}^{1r} & 0 & 0 & i_{nm}^{1r} & k_{nm}^{1r} & m_{nm}^{1r} & n_{nm}^{1r} \\ 0 & -d_{nm}^{2r} & -e_{nm}^{2r} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} C_m \\ D_m \\ E_m \\ F_m \\ G_m \\ I_m \\ K_m \\ M_m \\ N_m \end{bmatrix} \quad N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \zeta_n^1 \\ \zeta_n^{1r} \\ \zeta_n^{2r} \\ \zeta_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

See the Appendix for details.

2.7 Surface displacement amplitude and hole stress

In region ①, the total wave field W_1 is

$$W_1 = W^{D3(1)} \quad (48)$$

In region ②, the total wave field W_2 has three components:

$$W_2 = W^{D1(2)} + W^{D2(2)} + W^{i+r} \quad (49)$$

In region ③, the total wave field W_3 has four components:

$$W_3 = W^{D1(3)} + W^{D3(3)} + W^{D4(3)} + W^{D5(3)} \quad (50)$$

In region ④, the total wave field W_4 has one component:

$$W_4 = W^{D4(4)} \quad (51)$$

In region ⑤, the total wave field W_5 has one component:

$$W_5 = W^{D5(5)} \quad (52)$$

Equations (48) to (52) can also be expressed as

$$W_j = |W_j| e^{i(\omega t - \phi_j)} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots \quad (53)$$

where $|W_j|$ is the displacement amplitude, and ϕ_j is the phase angle of W_j

$$\phi_j = \arctan(\text{Im}(W_j) / \text{Re}(W_j)) \quad (54)$$

The dimensionless frequency of incident waves can be expressed as

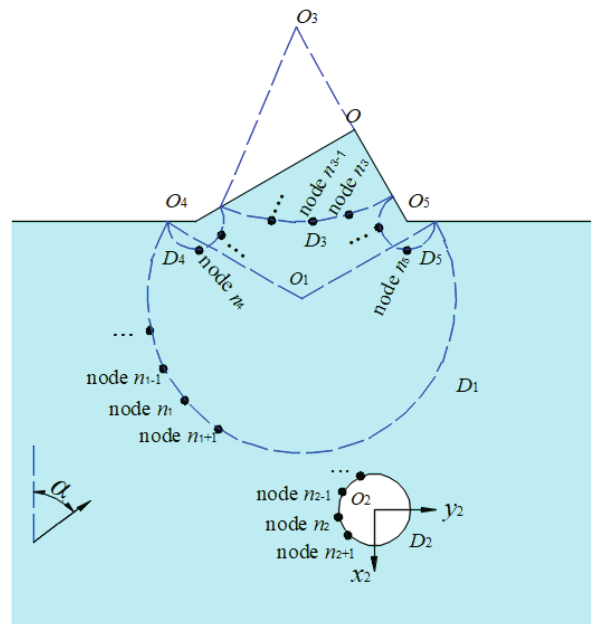


Fig. 3 Discrete points of auxiliary boundary and hole edge

$$\eta = \frac{2r_2}{\lambda} = \frac{kr_2}{\pi} \tag{55}$$

$$\tau_{\theta z}^* = \left| \tau_{\theta z} / \tau_0 \right| \quad |Z_2| = r_2 \tag{57}$$

where $k=K_1=K_2=K_3=K_4=K_5$ for homogeneous medium, and μ is the same for different regions. λ is the wavelength of the incident waves. It is well known that the effect of elastic waves on surface displacement and hole stress highly relies on wavelength. As can be seen from Eq. (52), the dimensionless frequency η is introduced to represent the ratio of the radius (r_2) of the hole to the wavelength, and indirectly represents the magnitude of the wave number.

In region ②, hole hoop stress can be expressed as

$$\tau_{\theta z} = \tau_{\theta z}^{D1(2)} + \tau_{\theta z}^{D2(2)} + \tau_{\theta z}^{(i+r)} \tag{56}$$

The dimensionless hoop stress is

where $\tau_0 = \mu_2 k_2 W_0$.

3 Numerical examples and discussions

Typical structural dimensions studied in this chapter are shown in Table 1.

3.1 Precision discussion

An important method to verify the theory is to verify convergence of the series m , and fit the continuity of the auxiliary boundary and the zero-stress condition of the circular hole edge and free surface. The convergences of the displacement W at surface point $2y/L$ are already very good for $m=25$ after trial calculations from Fig. 4 and

Table 1 Shape parameters of scalene triangle and hole

Figure	L	n_1	n_2	H_2	L_2	r_2
Fig. 4–Fig. 7 Fig. 15–Fig. 18	6.0	0.5	1.5	6.0	0.0	1.0
Fig. 8, Fig. 9	6.0	/	/	6.0	0.0	1.0
Fig. 10, Fig. 11	6.0	0.5	1.5	/	0.0	1.0
Fig. 12, Fig. 13	6.0	1.0	1.0	6	/	1.0
Fig. 14	6.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	0.0	1.0

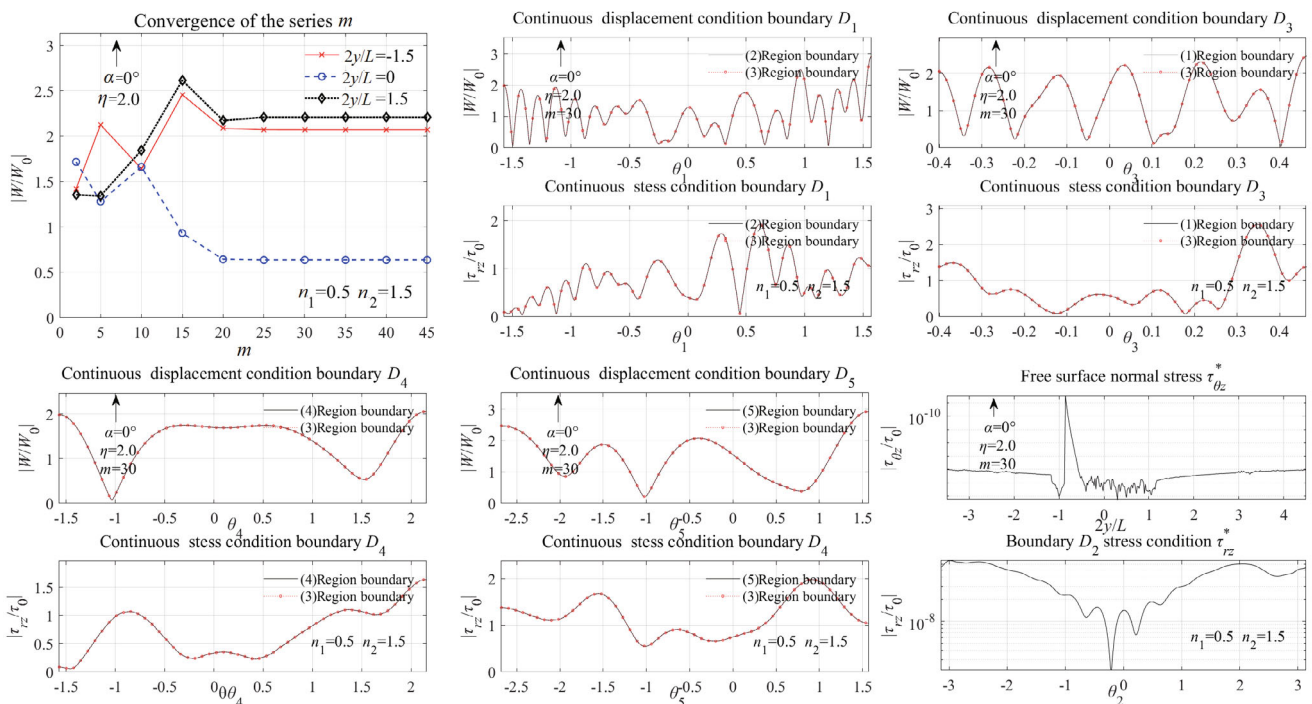


Fig. 4 Continuity of auxiliary boundary and free edge zero-stress at $\alpha=0^\circ$

Fig. 5. The numerical results of the auxiliary boundary and zero-stress condition are given for frequency of incident $\eta=2.0$, incident angle $\alpha=0^\circ, 90^\circ$, triangular edge slope $n_1=0.5, n_2=1.5, m=30$. As shown in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5, the displacement W and stress τ_{rz} continuity of the auxiliary boundary D are good, and the stress of the circular hole boundary D_2 and free surface are close to 0, which also indicates that the wave function and the least squares method are effective.

Another important method to verify the theory is to compare the solution results of the finite element method as shown in Fig. 6, which displays the free surface displacement amplitudes $|W|$, hole edge stress $\tau_{\theta z}^*$ and displacement cloud at a certain time. The FEM results are obtained by the commercial software LS-DYNA. The geometric model is meshed by a shell element with an edge length of 0.1 and grid only with out-of-plane translational degrees of freedom; the mesh area is large

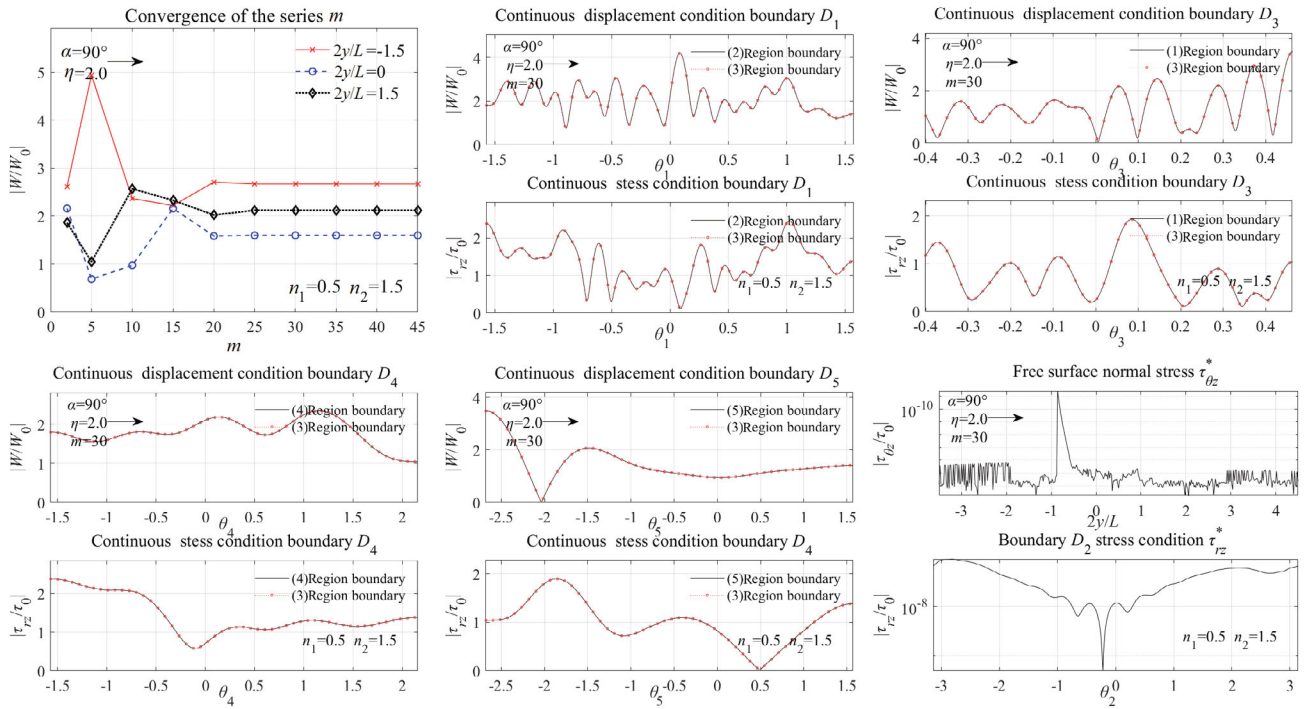


Fig. 5 Continuity of auxiliary boundary and free edge zero-stress at $\alpha=90^\circ$

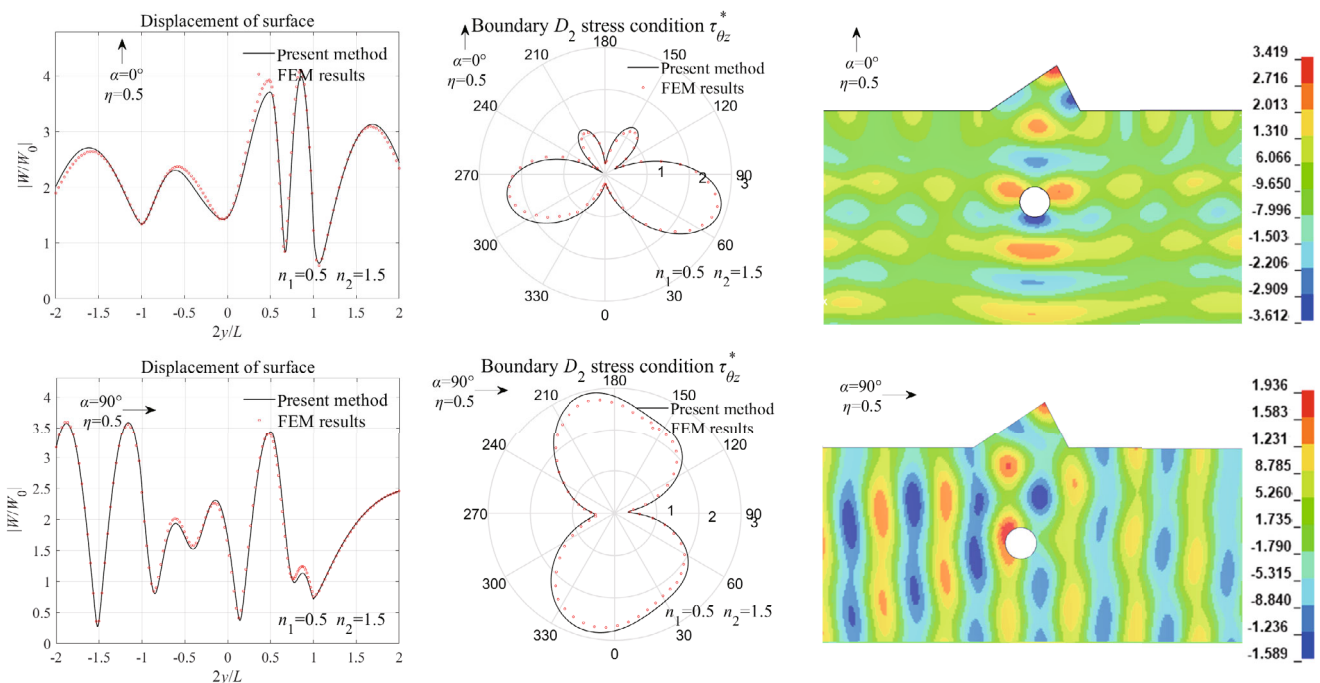


Fig. 6 Comparison of proposed solution results with FEM results at $\eta=0.5, n_1=0.5$

enough to eliminate the effects of boundary reflections. Sine excitation is applied to the bottom or left edge of the analysis area, corresponding to incident angle 0° or 90° , and the calculation time is long enough to ensure that it is in a steady state. The surface displacement magnitude is measured from the displacement of the surface element nodes, and the stress of the finite element hole edge comes from the stress of the nearest element of the hole edge, which represents the stress in the hole edge area rather than the hole edge. Therefore, the FEM stress results may be somewhat inaccurate. The results by the proposed method shows good agreement with those obtained by the finite element method from Fig. 6.

3.2 Parameter studies in the frequency domain

Each position of free surface can be expressed by dimensionless $y/(L/2)$ in the Cartesian coordinate system $o_6x_6y_6$, where -1 represents the left triangle foot point, $(n_2-n_1)/(n_2+n_1)$ is the triangle vertex, and 1 represents the right triangle foot point.

Free surface displacement amplitude of the triangle without hole and with hole is given in Fig. 7. It shows that the hole has a significant impact for free surface displacement. Free surface displacement amplitude and circular hole hoop stress distribution at different incident frequencies, angle and slope are shown in Figs. 8 and 9. When the incident wave has a horizontal component ($\alpha \neq 0^\circ$), the amplitude and oscillation frequency of the right-side surface ($2y/L > 1.0$) both decrease, while they increase on the incident wave side ($2y/L < -1.0$). It appears that the triangle and the circle hole become filters and amplifiers, and are related to the angle of incidence

and the slope of the triangle. This is due to the multiple reflections of the incident wave at different angles on different slopes. Both the amplitude and oscillation frequency of the triangular area ($-1.0 < 2y/L < 1.0$) are improved to varying degrees. The circular hole hoop stress increases significantly with increasing incident frequency, and the distribution is closely related to the triangular slope. In particular, the incident angle $\alpha=0$, due to the symmetry of the structure, the displacement amplitude and hole hoop stress distribution show symmetry, including the symmetry slope of $n_1 = 0.5$ and $n_1 = 1.5$. In addition, the displacement amplitude and hole stress on the slope triangular edge side are larger than the other side.

Overall, the free surface displacement decreases with the increase of the angle of incidence. As the angle of incidence increases, the amount of reflection on the triangular edge decreases. The hole concentrated stress is distributed on both sides of the wave propagation direction, and shows an increasing trend with the increase of the incident angle. This is because the surface boundary effect increases on both sides of the wave propagation direction.

Free surface displacement amplitude and circular hole hoop stress distribution at different incident frequencies, angle and hole depth is shown in Fig. 10 and Fig. 11. When the incident angle $\alpha=0^\circ$, the amplitude of the surface displacement decreases as the hole depth increases, while the displacement amplitude of the triangular area increases. This is because when the hole is deeper, more wave energy enters triangle area. When the incident angle $\alpha=90^\circ$, the change of the hole stress is small. This is because the surface reflection wave that is

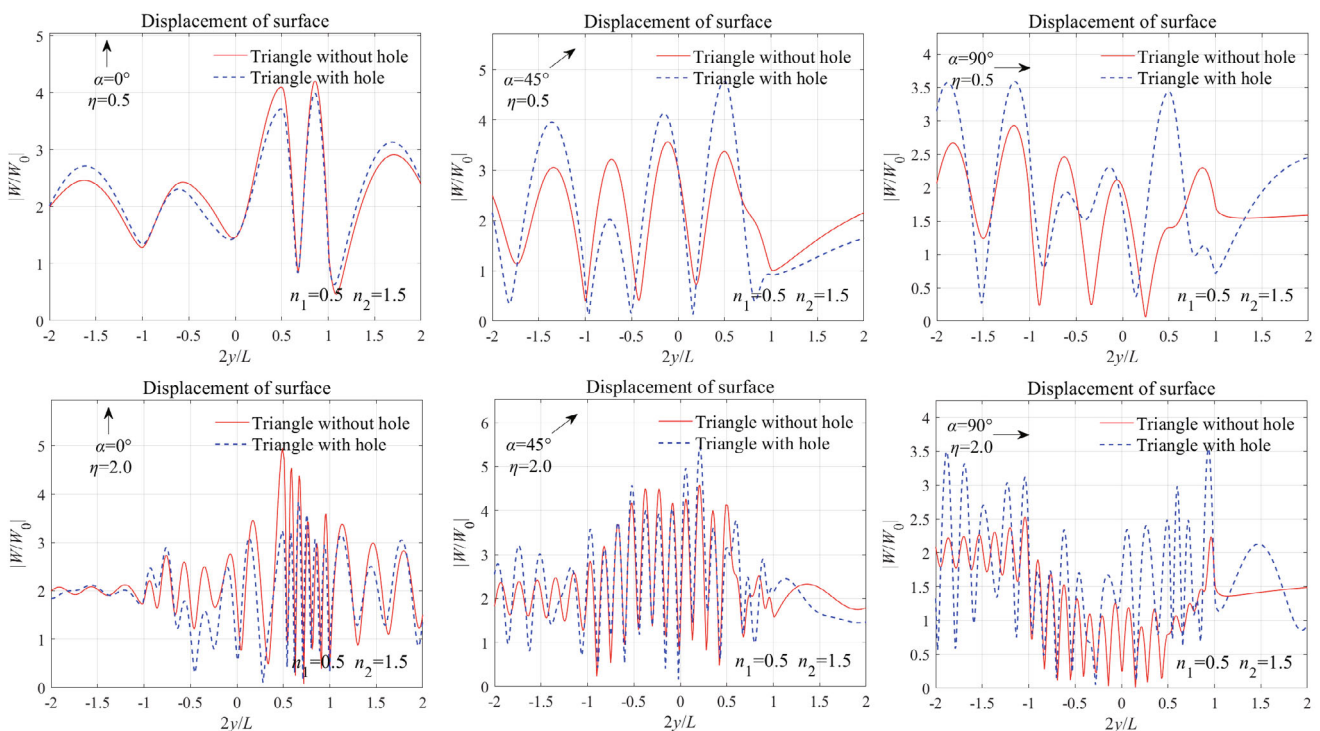


Fig. 7 Free surface displacement amplitudes $|W_j|$ of triangle without hole and with hole

applied to the hole is smaller.

To better explain the effect of hole offset, only isosceles triangles with symmetrical structures are analyzed. Free surface displacement amplitude and circular hole hoop stress distribution at different incident frequencies, angle and distance of hole offset are shown in Figs. 12 and 13. The hole offset has a significant

effect on the displacement of the horizontal surface and triangular slope. Even when the horizontal projection of the hole center is located at the triangle hypotenuse bottom corner, the displacement amplitude of the triangular area is still relatively large.

To reveal the influence of dimensionless frequencies on free surface displacement and hole stress, the first row

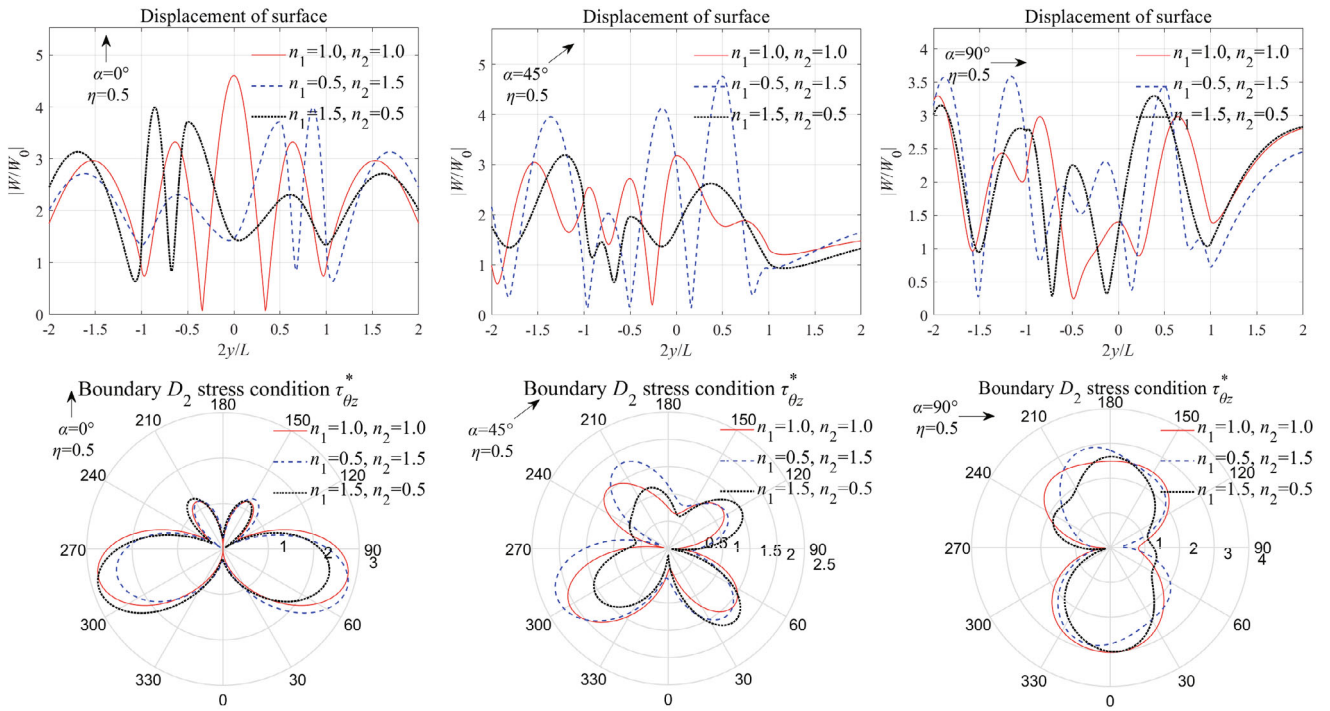


Fig. 8 Free surface displacement amplitudes $|W_j|$ and hole edge stress $\tau_{\theta z}^*$ at $\eta=0.5$

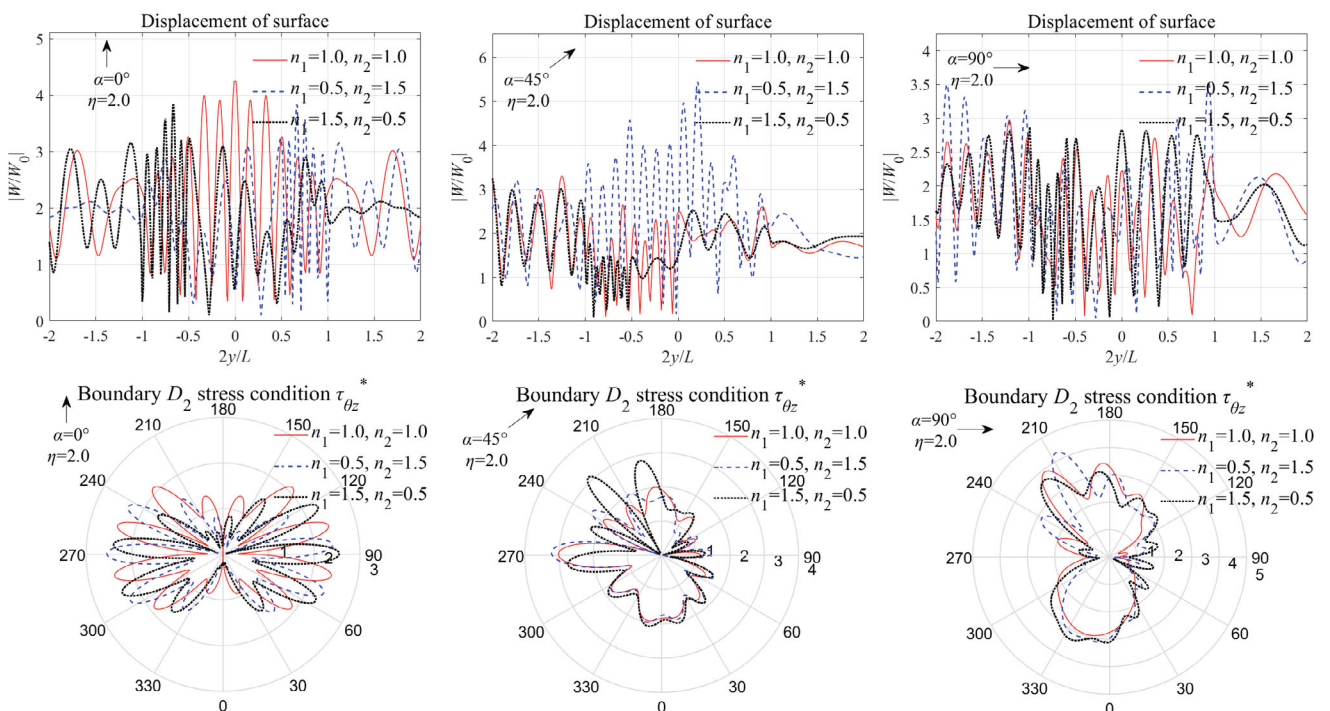


Fig. 9 Free surface displacement amplitudes $|W_j|$ and hole edge stress $\tau_{\theta z}^*$ at $\eta=2.0$

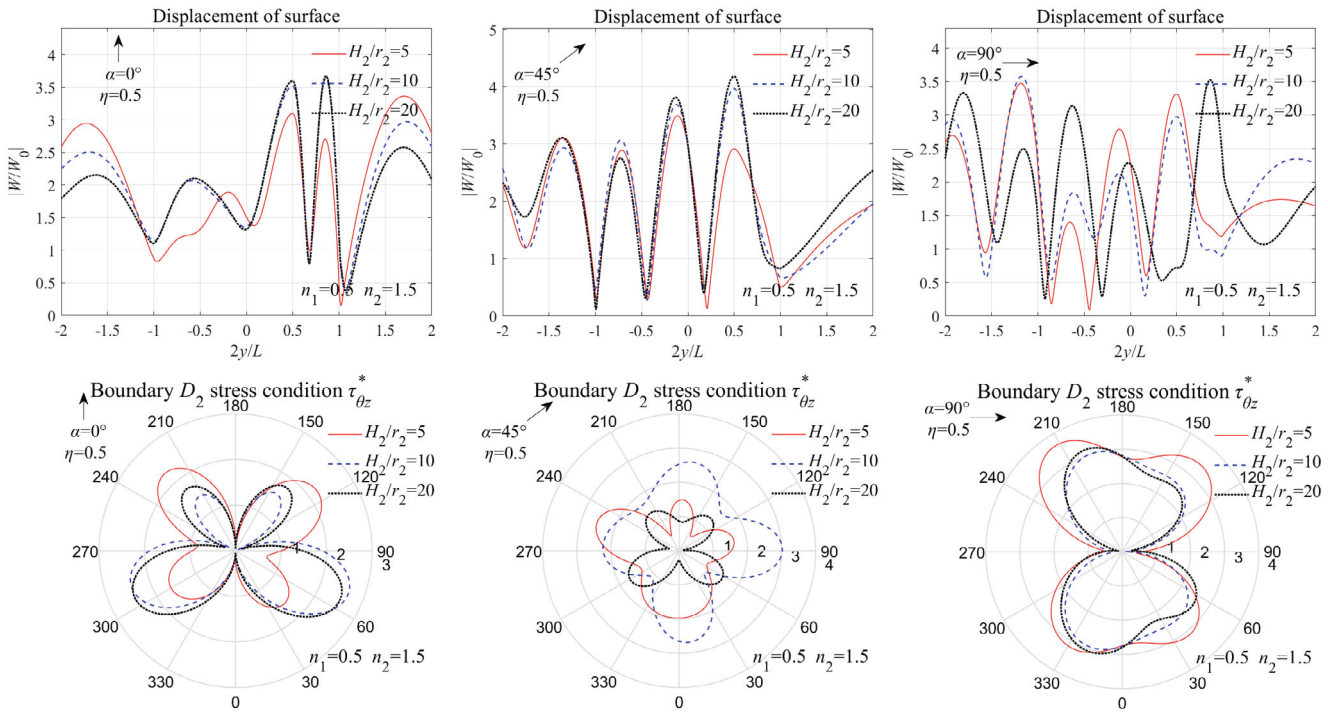


Fig. 10 Free surface displacement amplitudes $|W_j|$ and hole edge stress $\tau_{\theta_z}^*$ for various H_2 at $\eta=0.5, n_1=0.5$

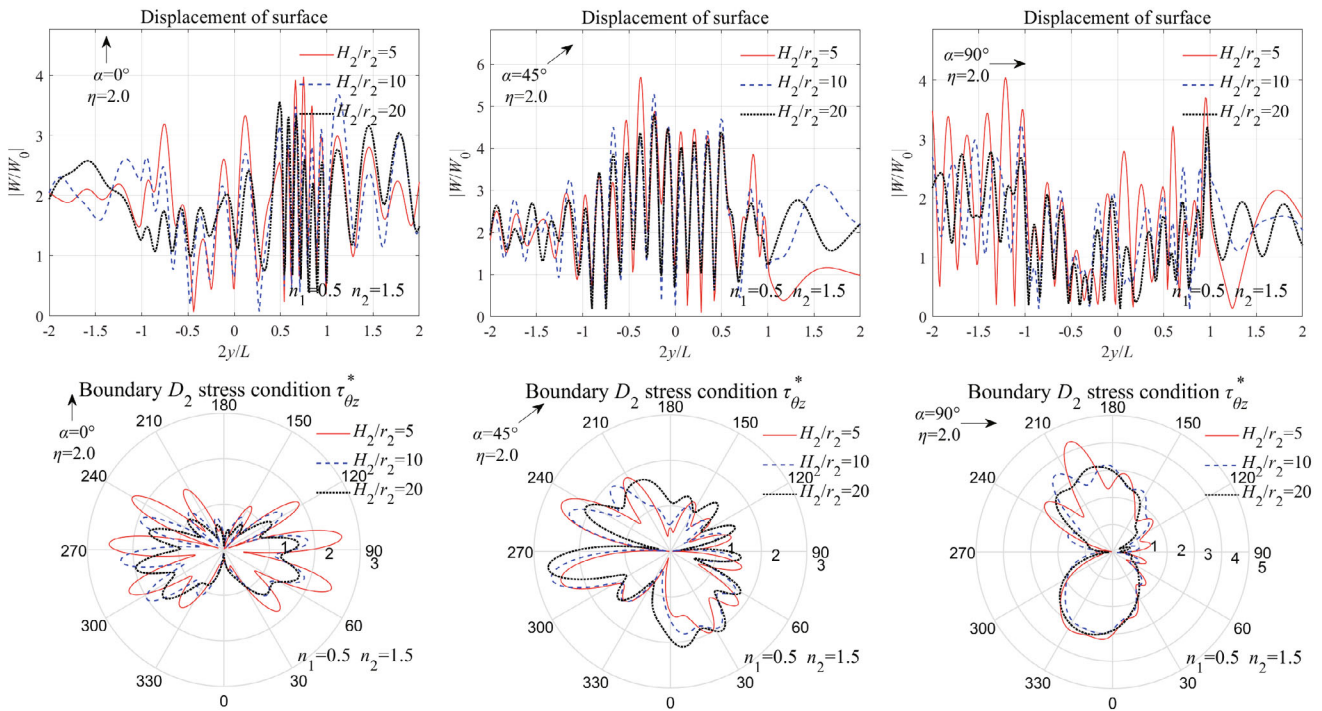


Fig. 11 Free surface displacement amplitudes $|W_j|$ and the hole edge stress $\tau_{\theta_z}^*$ for various H_2 at $\eta=2.0, n_1=0.5$

of graphs in Fig. 14 and Fig. 15 give the displacement amplitudes as a function of $2y/L$ and η at various angles of incidence ($\alpha=0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ$) and slope ($n_1=0.5, 1.0$), and the second column of graphs give the hole stress as a function of θ and η . It shows that the number of wave peaks in the triangular region increases as the wave dimensionless frequencies increases, and the peak and

oscillation frequency increase on one side of the incident wave, while it decreases on the other side. At the same time, the peak and oscillation frequency of the area near the larger triangle slope significantly increase, but when the angle of incidence changes is large, the increase moves to the side of the wave incoming direction. The hole concentrated stress is distributed on both sides of the

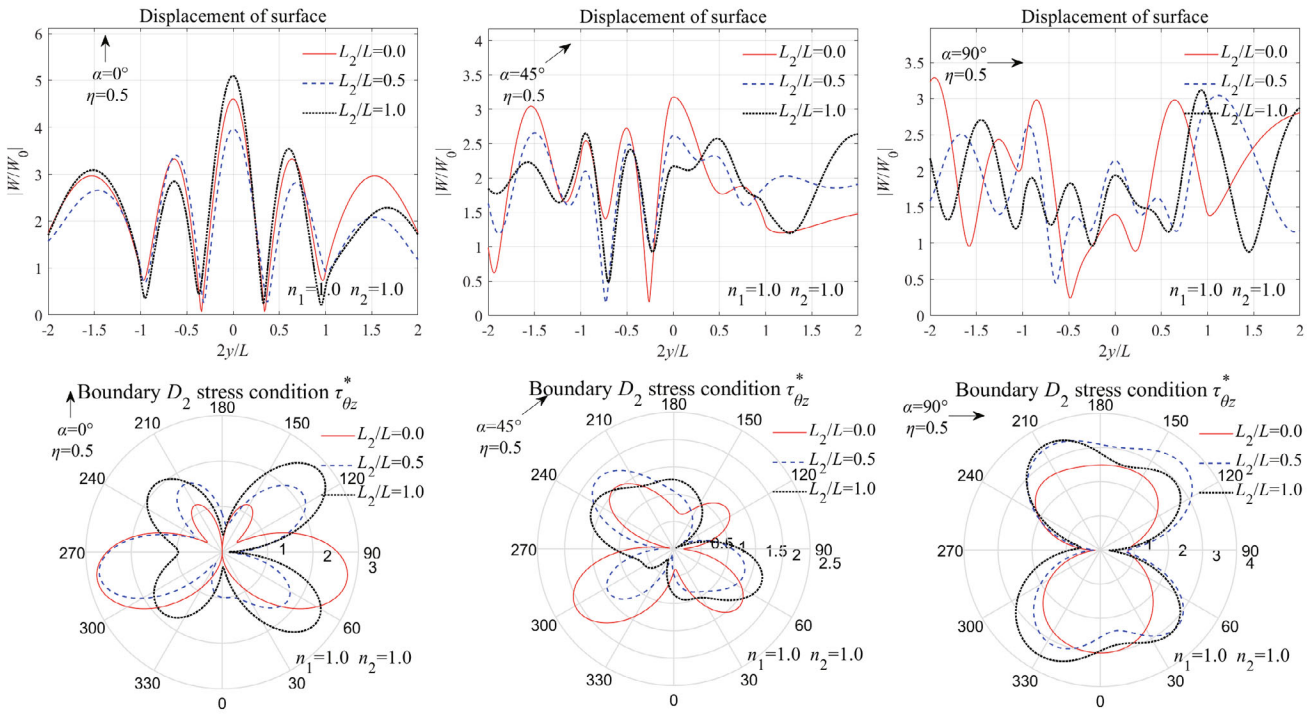


Fig. 12 Free surface displacement amplitudes $|W_j|$ and hole edge stress $\tau_{\theta_z}^*$ for various L_2 at $\eta=0.5$

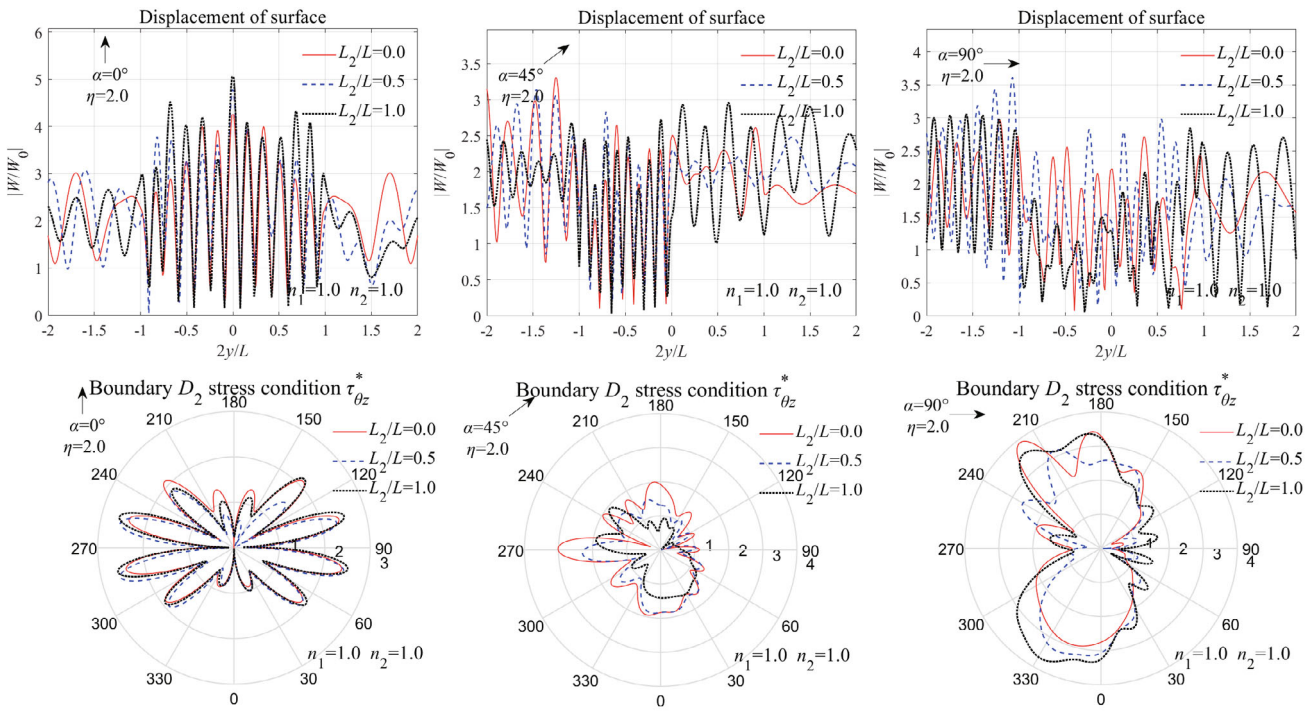


Fig. 13 Free surface displacement amplitudes $|W_j|$ and hole edge stress $\tau_{\theta_z}^*$ for various L_2 at $\eta=2.0$

wave propagation direction, and the shear stress near the free boundary is greater than that on the infinite space. This is due to the superposition of the incident wave and the free boundary reflection wave. The displacement amplitude of the triangular surface is the peak shape, while the displacement amplitude of the free flat surface is the mountain shape. The ridge fluctuations are similar

to the results obtained in numerical simulations by Shyu (2014).

3.3 Time domain response

The transient response is obtained from the frequency domain results through the inverse fast Fourier transform

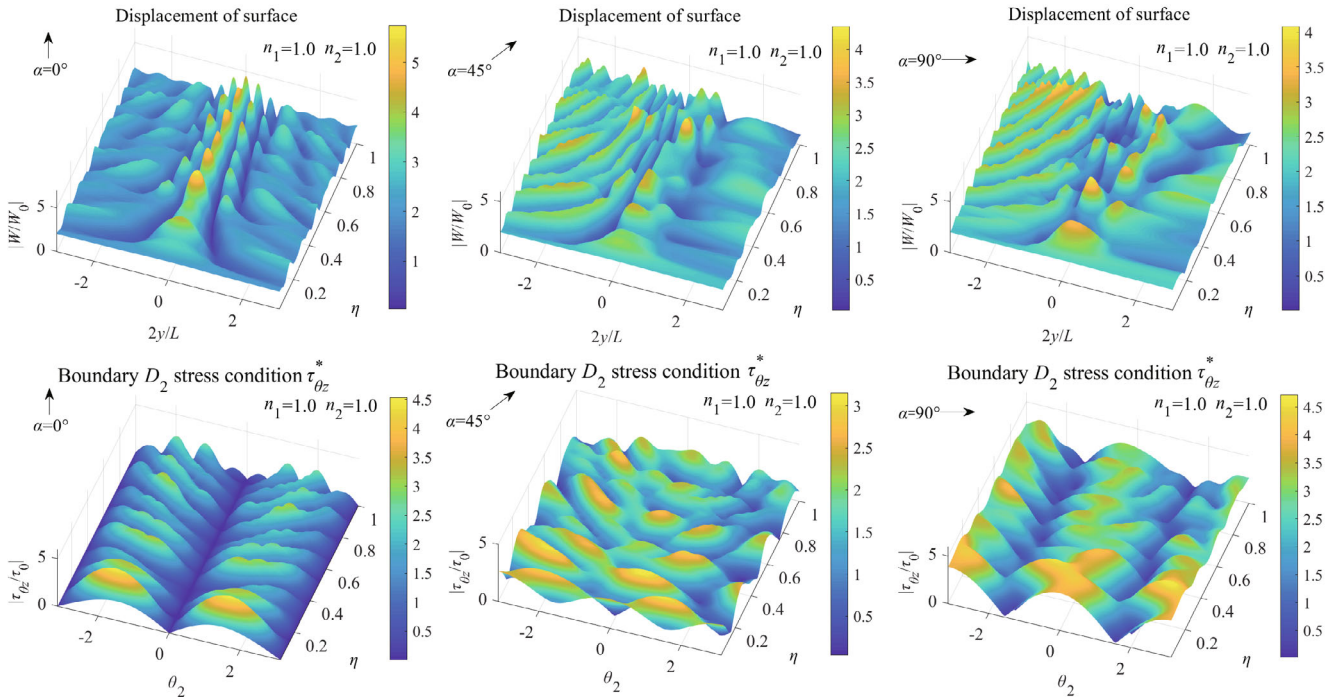


Fig. 14 3D plots of surface displacement amplitudes $|W_j|$ and hole edge stress $\tau_{\theta_z}^*$ vs η at $n_1=1.0$

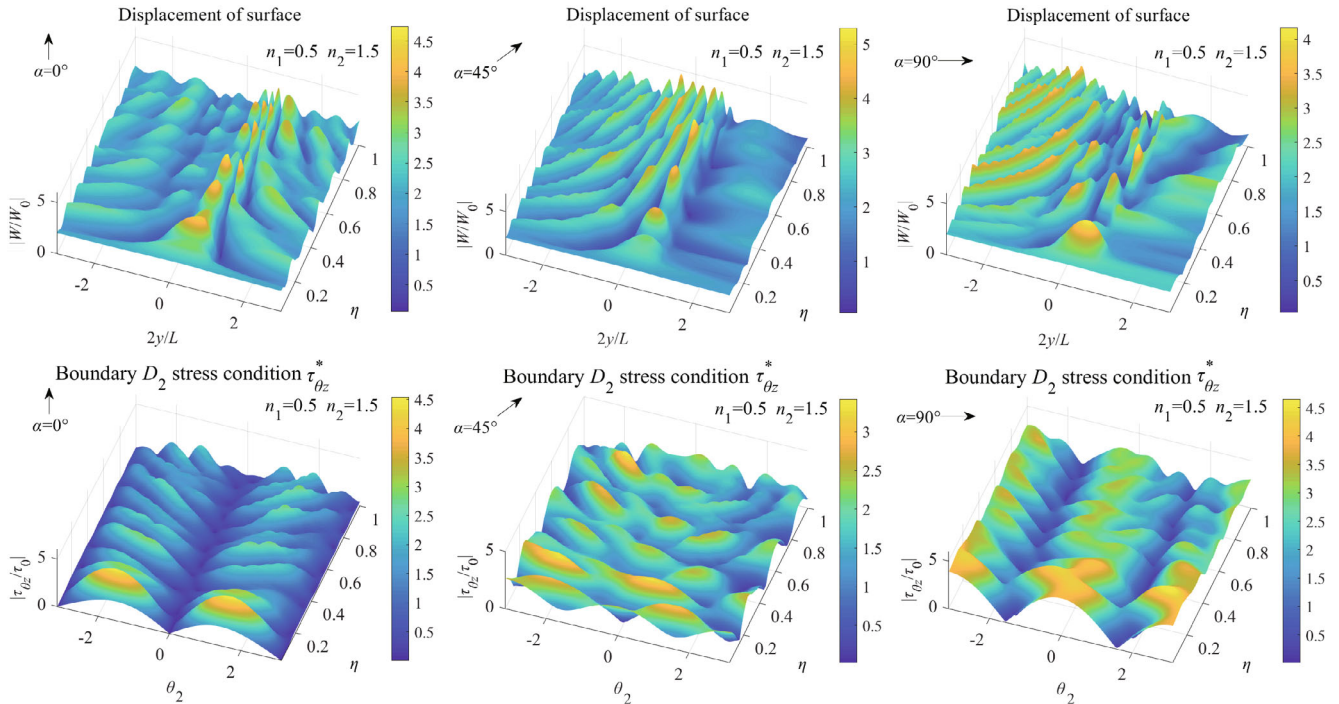


Fig. 15 3D plots of surface displacement amplitudes $|W_j|$ and hole edge stress $\tau_{\theta_z}^*$ vs η at $n_1=0.5$

(FFT) algorithm. The incident time signal is a Ricker wavelet

$$Ri(t) = (1 - 2\pi^2 f_c^2 t^2) e^{-\pi^2 f_c^2 t^2} \quad (58)$$

with the characteristic frequency $f_c=0.5$ Hz.

The calculated frequencies range from 0 to 2.0 Hz with 1/33 Hz intervals. The transfer function for every

position is deduced in the previous section for a particular frequency ω (or wave number k). Then the time domain results can be synthesized by using the inverse FFT, and the shear wave propagates with the velocity $c_s=3$. In Fig. 16 the reference point is set to be $(x, y)=(8, -16)$ for $t=0$ s, in Fig. 17 and Fig. 18, the reference point is set to be $(x, y)=(20, -15)$ for $t=0$. The (x, y) reference coordinate system is $o_6x_6y_6$.

Figure 16 shows the synthetic displacement contour with half-space between $y=-12$ to 12 and contains 800 discrete positions located along the surface of the hill. Because the reference point is (8, -16), the vertical Ricker wave reaches the flat surface ($x=0$) at $t=2.7$ s, after the vertical wave moves away from the flat surface, several scattered waves appear one after another with obviously different amplitudes. The horizontal incident Ricker wave reaches the flat surface position ($y=-12$)

at $t=1.3$ s. When the horizontal wave reaches the hill, several scattered waves appear one after another, also with obviously different amplitudes.

In Figs. 17 and 18, snapshots for nodes with equal distance of 0.03 at 0° and 90° incident angles are computed. The snapshots show the wave fields at nine specified times to illustrate the process of the wave propagation and scattering around a triangle shape and shallow circle. In Fig. 17, the incident wave passes

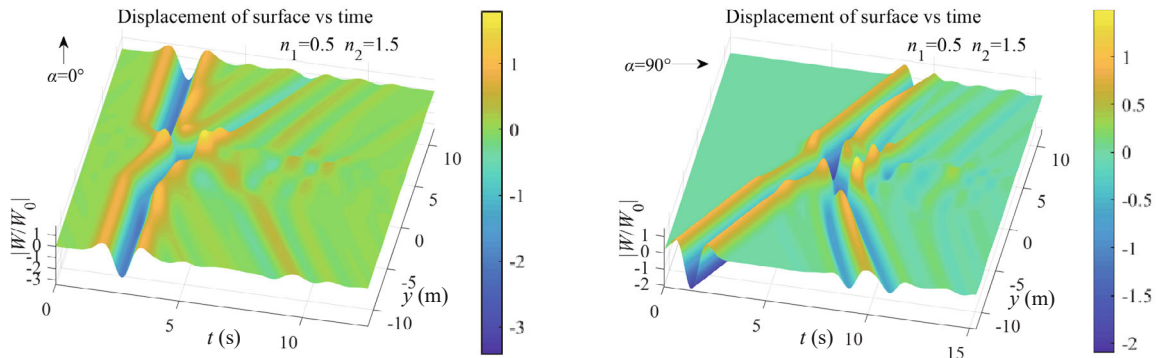


Fig. 16 3D plots of surface displacement amplitudes $|W_j|$ vs time at $n_1=0.5$

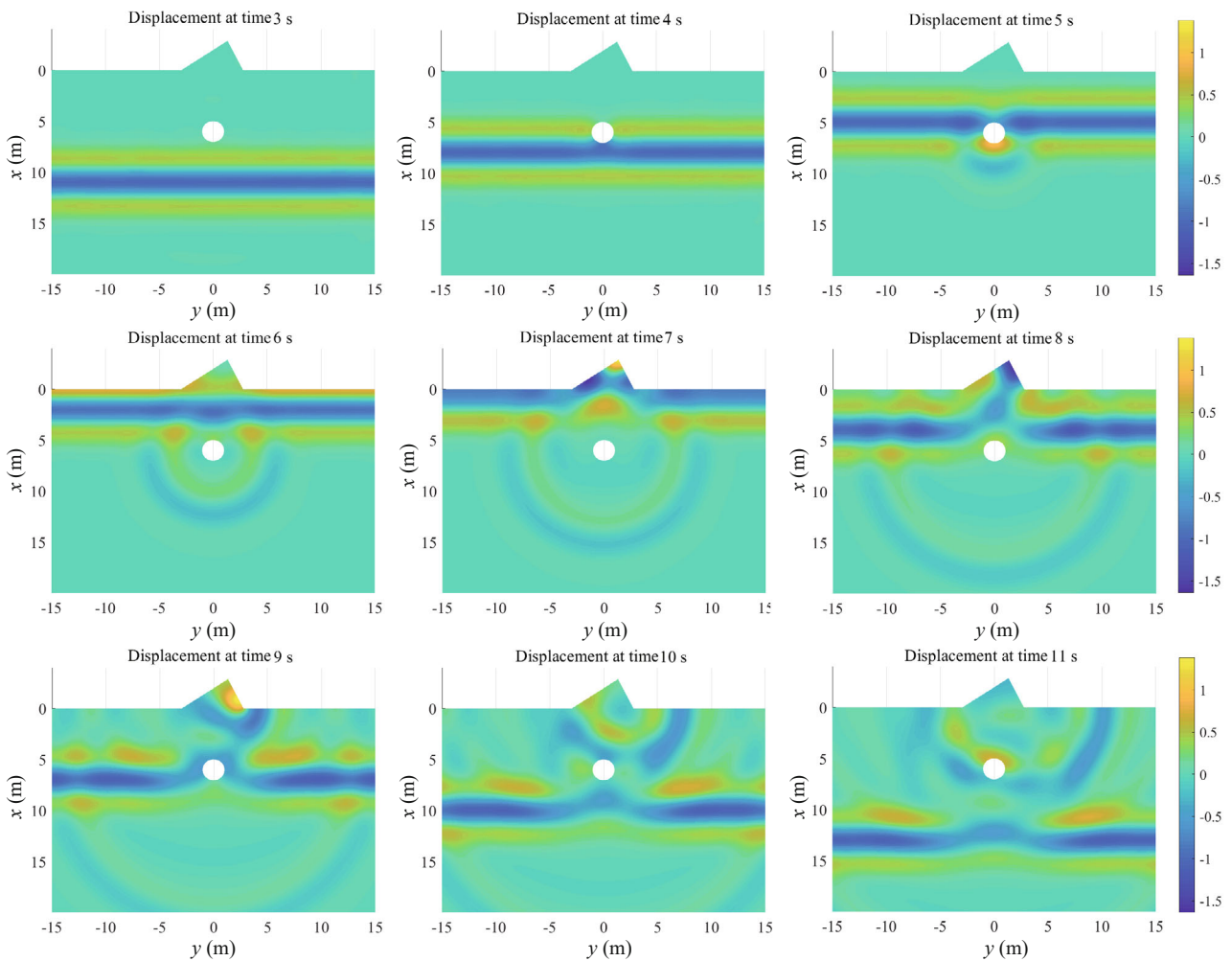


Fig. 17 Snapshots for $\alpha=0^\circ$ at nine specified times

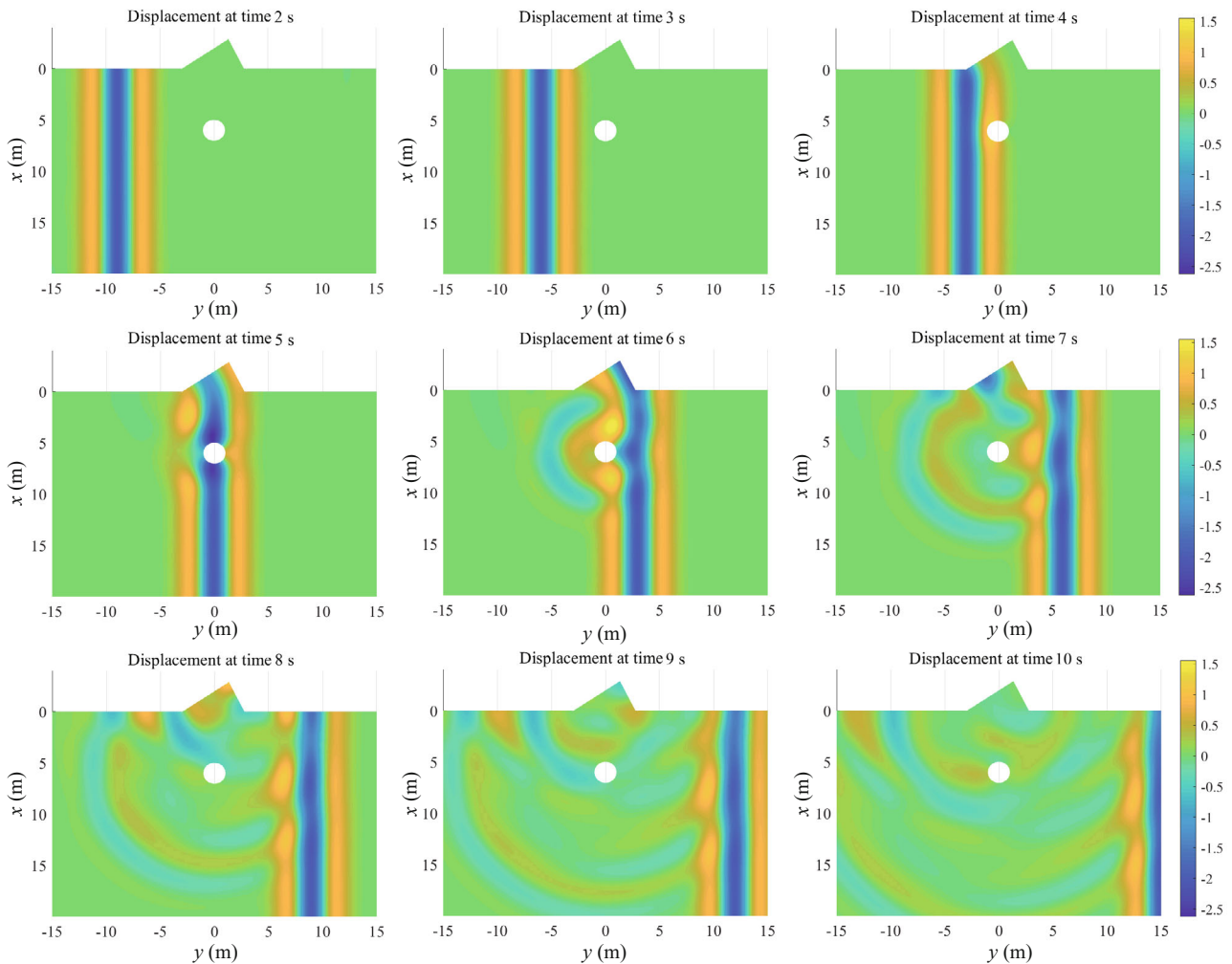


Fig. 18 Snapshots for $\alpha=90^\circ$ at nine specified times

through the hole, and the existence of the hole produces a scattered wave propagating in the opposite direction ($t = 6$ s). When the incident wave reaches the free surface, a reflected wave is produced, and the triangular area produces a circular scattered wave ($t = 9$ s–11 s); the appearance of displacement also corresponds to Fig. 16. In Fig. 18, the incident wave passes through the hole, and produces the scattered wave propagating in the opposite direction ($t = 6$ s). The triangular area produces a less obvious circular scattered wave ($t = 8$ s–10 s), when the wave reaches it. The amplitude and range of influence on the left side of the triangle are significantly higher than those on the right side, which also corresponds to Fig. 16. In addition, through the time domain results of various points, it can be used for the transient response analysis of underground structures or surface structures to provide support for strength design.

4 Conclusions

The SH wave scattering problem of shallow circular holes under scalene triangles is studied. The wave displacement function, which satisfies the triangle zero-

stress boundary, is obtained by separation of variables and the wave displacement function which satisfies the half space surface zero-stress boundary is constructed by the complex coordinates and symmetric method. By applying the complex function method and region-matching technique, a system of equations is established for solving the unknown complex coefficients. Finally, the least squares method is used to solve the undetermined coefficient of the algebraic equations by discrete boundary, and frequency domain and time domain results are obtained.

After numerical simulation, the following conclusions can be drawn:

(1) The validity of the wave function and the least squares method are verified by the continuity of displacement and stress at the auxiliary boundary, the holes free edge are close to zero, and FEM results.

(2) The surface displacement and circular stress are closely related to the position of the circular hole, and the hole center position, which ten times the hole radius depth and three times the hole radius offset, still has significant effects.

(3) The displacement amplitude of the triangular surface is the peak shape, while the displacement

amplitude of the free flat surface is the undulating shape, which is similar to the numerical simulation results from Shyu (2014). The number of wave peaks in the triangular region increases as the wave dimensionless frequencies increases, and the peak and oscillation frequency increase on one side of the incident wave, while it decreases on the other side. At the same time, the peak and oscillation frequency of the area near the larger triangle slope significantly increase, but when the angle of incidence becomes larger, the increase moves to the side of the wave incoming direction. The overall surface displacement decreases with increasing incident angle. The hole concentrated stress is distributed on both sides of the wave propagation direction, and the shear stress near the free boundary is greater than that on the infinite space.

(4) The snapshots show the process of the wave propagation and scattering around the triangle and shallow circle in the time domain. In addition, the time domain results of various points can be used for the transient response analysis of underground structures or surface structures to provide support for structural strength design.

(5) Using the auxiliary circle to solve the singularity of the reflex angle at the triangle corner and the theory method in this study is not limited by the range ($\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \geq 60^\circ$) of the vertex angle (Lin *et al.*, 2010).

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Appendix A: Expressions of each angle in the model shown in Fig. 1

$$\alpha_1 = \arctan(n_1), \quad \alpha_2 = \arctan(n_2)$$

$$\alpha_3 = \pi - \arctan\left(\frac{L+r_4+r_5}{2H_1}\right), \quad \alpha_4 = \alpha_1,$$

$$\alpha_5 = \pi - 2\angle O_3 X_5 X_4 - \alpha_1, \quad \alpha_6 = \pi - \alpha_2, \quad \alpha_7 = \pi - \alpha_1$$

where

$$\angle O_3 X_5 X_4 = \arccos\left(\frac{L_{X_5 X_4}^2 + L_{X_5 O}^2 - L_{OX_4}^2}{2L_{X_5 X_4} L_{X_5 O}}\right),$$

$$L_{X_5 X_4} = \sqrt{[r_5 \cos(\alpha_1) - r_4 \cos(\alpha_2)]^2 + [L - r_5 \sin(\alpha_1) - r_4 \sin(\alpha_2)]^2},$$

$$L_{OX_4} = H/\cos(\alpha_2) - r_4, \quad L_{OX_5} = H/\cos(\alpha_1) - r_5,$$

$$r_3 = L_{X_5 X_4} / (2\sin((\alpha_4 + \alpha_5)/2)), \quad H_3 = (r_3 + r_5)\cos(\alpha_4)$$

Appendix B: Expressions of functions

$$c_{nm}^3 = W_0 J_{mp_0} \left(K_1 |Z_3 + b_{03}| e^{q_0 i} \right).$$

$$\left[\left(\frac{(Z_3 + b_{03}) e^{q_0 i}}{|Z_3 + b_{03}|} \right)^{mp_0} + (-1)^m \left(\frac{(Z_3 + b_{03}) e^{q_0 i}}{|Z_3 + b_{03}|} \right)^{-mp_0} \right] \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_3|=r_3 \\ -\alpha_5 \leq \varphi_n(Z_3) \leq \alpha_4}}$$

$$i_{nm}^3 = W_0 J_m \left(K_3 |Z_3 + b_{13}| \right) \left(\frac{Z_3 + b_{13}}{|Z_3 + b_{13}|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_3|=r_3 \\ -\alpha_5 \leq \varphi_n(Z_3) \leq \alpha_4}}$$

$$k_{nm}^3 = W_0 H_m^1 \left(K_3 |Z_3| \right) \left(\frac{Z_3}{|Z_3|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_3|=r_3 \\ -\alpha_5 \leq \varphi_n(Z_3) \leq \alpha_4}}$$

$$m_{nm}^3 = W_0 H_m^1 \left(K_3 |Z_3 + b_{43}| \right) \left(\frac{Z_3 + b_{43}}{|Z_3 + b_{43}|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_3|=r_3 \\ -\alpha_5 \leq \varphi_n(Z_3) \leq \alpha_4}}$$

$$n_{nm}^3 = W_0 H_m^1 \left(K_3 |Z_3 + b_{53}| \right) \left(\frac{Z_3 + b_{53}}{|Z_3 + b_{53}|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_3|=r_3 \\ -\alpha_5 \leq \varphi_n(Z_3) \leq \alpha_4}}$$

$$c_{nm}^{3\tau} = \frac{\mu_1 K_1 W_0}{2} \hat{P}_{mp_0}^J \left(((Z_3 + b_{03})) e^{q_0 i} \right) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_3|=r_3 \\ -\alpha_5 \leq \varphi_n(Z_3) \leq \alpha_4}}$$

$$i_{nm}^{3\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^J \left(Z_3 + b_{13} \right) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_3|=r_3 \\ -\alpha_5 \leq \varphi_n(Z_3) \leq \alpha_4}}$$

$$k_{nm}^{3\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^{H_1} \left(Z_3 \right) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_3|=r_3 \\ -\alpha_5 \leq \varphi_n(Z_3) \leq \alpha_4}}$$

$$m_{nm}^{3\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^{H_1} \left(Z_3 + b_{43} \right) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_3|=r_3 \\ -\alpha_5 \leq \varphi_n(Z_3) \leq \alpha_4}}$$

$$n_{nm}^{3\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^{H_1} \left(Z_3 + b_{53} \right) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_3|=r_3 \\ -\alpha_5 \leq \varphi_n(Z_3) \leq \alpha_4}}$$

$$f_{nm}^4 = W_0 J_{mp_4} \left(K_4 |Z_4 e^{q_4 i}| \right)$$

$$\left[\left(\frac{Z_4 e^{q_4 i}}{|Z_4 e^{q_4 i}|} \right)^{mp_4} + (-1)^m \left(\frac{Z_4 e^{q_4 i}}{|Z_4 e^{q_4 i}|} \right)^{-mp_4} \right] \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_4|=r_4 \\ -\pi/2 \leq \varphi_n(Z_4) \leq \alpha_6}}$$

$$i_{nm}^4 = W_0 J_m \left(K_3 |Z_4 + b_{14}| \right) \left(\frac{Z_4 + b_{14}}{|Z_4 + b_{14}|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_4|=r_4 \\ -\pi/2 \leq \varphi_n(Z_4) \leq \alpha_6}}$$

$$k_{nm}^4 = W_0 H_m^1 \left(K_3 |Z_4 + b_{34}| \right) \left(\frac{Z_4 + b_{34}}{|Z_4 + b_{34}|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_4|=r_4 \\ -\pi/2 \leq \varphi_n(Z_4) \leq \alpha_6}}$$

$$m_{nm}^4 = W_0 H_m^1 \left(K_3 |Z_4| \right) \left(\frac{Z_4}{|Z_4|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_4|=r_4 \\ -\pi/2 \leq \varphi_n(Z_4) \leq \alpha_6}}$$

$$n_{nm}^4 = W_0 H_m^1 \left(K_3 |Z_4 + b_{54}| \right) \left(\frac{Z_4 + b_{54}}{|Z_4 + b_{54}|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_4|=r_4 \\ -\pi/2 \leq \varphi_n(Z_4) \leq \alpha_6}}$$

$$c_{nm}^{4\tau} = \frac{\mu_1 K_1 W_0}{2} \hat{P}_{mp_0}^J \left((Z_4 + b_{04}) e^{q_0 i} \right) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_4|=r_4 \\ -\pi/2 \leq \varphi_n(Z_4) \leq \alpha_6}}$$

$$i_{nm}^{4\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^J \left(Z_4 + b_{14} \right) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_4|=r_4 \\ -\pi/2 \leq \varphi_n(Z_4) \leq \alpha_6}}$$

$$k_{nm}^{4\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^{H_1} \left(Z_4 + b_{34} \right) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_4|=r_4 \\ -\pi/2 \leq \varphi_n(Z_4) \leq \alpha_6}}$$

$$m_{nm}^{4\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^{H_1} \left(Z_4 \right) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_4|=r_4 \\ -\pi/2 \leq \varphi_n(Z_4) \leq \alpha_6}}$$

$$n_{nm}^{4\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^{H_1} \left(Z_4 + b_{54} \right) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_4|=r_4 \\ -\pi/2 \leq \varphi_n(Z_4) \leq \alpha_6}}$$

$$g_{nm}^5 = W_0 J_{mp_5} \left(K_5 |Z_5 e^{q_5 i}| \right).$$

$$\left[\left(\frac{Z_5 e^{q_5 i}}{|Z_5 e^{q_5 i}|} \right)^{mp_5} + (-1)^m \left(\frac{Z_5 e^{q_5 i}}{|Z_5 e^{q_5 i}|} \right)^{-mp_5} \right] \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_5|=r_5 \\ -\alpha_7 \leq \varphi_n(Z_5) \leq \pi/2}}$$

$$i_{nm}^5 = W_0 J_m (K_3 |Z_5 + b_{15}|) \left(\frac{Z_5 + b_{15}}{|Z_5 + b_{15}|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_5|=r_5 \\ -\alpha_7 \leq \varphi_n(Z_5) \leq \pi/2}}$$

$$k_{nm}^5 = W_0 H_m^1 (K_3 |Z_5 + b_{35}|) \left(\frac{Z_5 + b_{35}}{|Z_5 + b_{35}|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_5|=r_5 \\ -\alpha_7 \leq \varphi_n(Z_5) \leq \pi/2}}$$

$$m_{nm}^5 = W_0 H_m^1 (K_3 |Z_5 + b_{45}|) \left(\frac{Z_5 + b_{45}}{|Z_5 + b_{45}|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_5|=r_5 \\ -\alpha_7 \leq \varphi_n(Z_5) \leq \pi/2}}$$

$$n_{nm}^5 = W_0 H_m^1 (K_3 |Z_5|) \left(\frac{Z_5}{|Z_5|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_5|=r_5 \\ -\alpha_7 \leq \varphi_n(Z_5) \leq \pi/2}}$$

$$c_{nm}^{5\tau} = \frac{\mu_1 K_1 W_0}{2} \hat{P}_{mp_0}^J ((Z_5 + b_{05}) e^{q_{0i}}) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_5|=r_5 \\ -\alpha_7 \leq \varphi_n(Z_5) \leq \pi/2}}$$

$$i_{nm}^{5\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^J (Z_5 + b_{15}) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_5|=r_5 \\ -\alpha_7 \leq \varphi_n(Z_5) \leq \pi/2}}$$

$$k_{nm}^{5\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^{H_1} (Z_5 + b_{35}) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_5|=r_5 \\ -\alpha_7 \leq \varphi_n(Z_5) \leq \pi/2}}$$

$$m_{nm}^{5\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^{H_1} (Z_5 + b_{45}) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_5|=r_5 \\ -\alpha_7 \leq \varphi_n(Z_5) \leq \pi/2}}$$

$$n_{nm}^{5\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^{H_1} (Z_5) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_5|=r_5 \\ -\alpha_7 \leq \varphi_n(Z_5) \leq \pi/2}}$$

$$d_{nm}^1 = W_0 \left[\begin{array}{l} H_m^1 (K_2 |(Z_1 + b_{61}) - H_1|) \left(\frac{(Z_1 + b_{61}) - H_1}{|(Z_1 + b_{61}) - H_1|} \right)^m \\ + (-1)^m H_m^1 (K_2 |(Z_1 + b_{61}) + H_1|) \left(\frac{(Z_1 + b_{61}) + H_1}{|(Z_1 + b_{61}) + H_1|} \right)^m \end{array} \right] \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$e_{nm}^1 = W_0 \left[\begin{array}{l} H_m^1 (K_2 |(Z_1 + b_{71}) - H_2|) \left(\frac{(Z_1 + b_{71}) - H_2}{|(Z_1 + b_{71}) - H_2|} \right)^m \\ + (-1)^m H_m^1 (K_2 |(Z_1 + b_{71}) + H_2|) \left(\frac{(Z_1 + b_{71}) + H_2}{|(Z_1 + b_{71}) + H_2|} \right)^m \end{array} \right] \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$i_{nm}^1 = W_0 J_m (K_3 |Z_1|) \left(\frac{Z_1}{|Z_1|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$k_{nm}^1 = W_0 H_m^1 (K_3 |Z_1 + b_{31}|) \left(\frac{Z_1 + b_{31}}{|Z_1 + b_{31}|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$m_{nm}^1 = W_0 H_m^1 (K_3 |Z_1 + b_{41}|) \left(\frac{Z_1 + b_{41}}{|Z_1 + b_{41}|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$n_{nm}^1 = W_0 H_m^1 (K_3 |Z_1 + b_{51}|) \left(\frac{Z_1 + b_{51}}{|Z_1 + b_{51}|} \right)^m \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$d_{nm}^{1\tau} = \frac{\mu_2 K_2 W_0}{2} \hat{P}_{mp_0}^{H_1} (Z_1 + b_{61}) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$e_{nm}^{1\tau} = \frac{\mu_2 K_2 W_0}{2} \hat{P}_{mp_0}^{H_1} (Z_1 + b_{71}) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$i_{nm}^{1\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^J (Z_1) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$k_{nm}^{1\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^{H_1} (Z_1 + b_{31}) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$m_{nm}^{1\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^{H_1} (Z_1 + b_{41}) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$n_{nm}^{1\tau} = \frac{\mu_3 K_3 W_0}{2} P_m^{H_1} (Z_1 + b_{51}) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$\zeta_n^1 = W_0 \cdot \left\{ e^{-\frac{iK_2}{2} [(Z_1 + b_{61}) e^{a_i} + \overline{(Z_1 + b_{61})} e^{-a_i}]} + e^{\frac{iK_2}{2} [(Z_1 + b_{61}) e^{-a_i} + \overline{(Z_1 + b_{61})} e^{a_i}]} \right\} \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$\zeta_n^{1\tau} = i\mu_2 K_2 W_0 \left\{ -\cos(\theta_1 + \alpha) e^{-\frac{iK_2}{2} [(Z_1 + b_{61}) e^{a_i} + \overline{(Z_1 + b_{61})} e^{-a_i}]} + \cos(\theta_1 - \alpha) e^{\frac{iK_2}{2} [(Z_1 + b_{61}) e^{-a_i} + \overline{(Z_1 + b_{61})} e^{a_i}]} \right\} \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_1|=r_1 \\ -\alpha_3 \leq \varphi_n(Z_1) \leq \alpha_3}}$$

$$d_{nm}^{2\tau} = \frac{\mu_2 K_2 W_0}{2} \hat{P}_m^{H_1} (Z_2 + b_{62}) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_2|=r_2 \\ -\pi \leq \varphi_n(Z_2) \leq \pi}}$$

$$f_{nm}^{2\tau} = \frac{\mu_2 K_2 W_0}{2} \hat{P}_m^{H_1} (Z_2 + b_{72}) \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_2|=r_2 \\ -\pi \leq \varphi_n(Z_2) \leq \pi}}$$

$$\zeta_n^{2\tau} = i\mu_2 K_2 W_0 \left\{ -\cos(\theta_2 + \alpha) e^{\frac{-iK_2}{2} [(Z_2 + b_{62}) e^{i\alpha} + \overline{(Z_2 + b_{62})} e^{-i\alpha}]} + \cos(\theta_2 - \alpha) e^{\frac{iK_2}{2} [(Z_2 + b_{62}) e^{-i\alpha} + \overline{(Z_2 + b_{62})} e^{i\alpha}]} \right\} \Bigg|_{\substack{|Z_2|=r_2 \\ -\pi \leq \varphi_n(Z_2) \leq \pi}}$$

$$\hat{Q}_t^H(s) = \left\{ H_{t-1}(k|s') \left[\frac{s'}{|s'|} \right]^{\tau-1} - (-1)^m H_{t+1}(k|s) \left[\frac{s}{|s|} \right]^{-\tau-1} \right\} e^{(\theta_j+q)i} - \left\{ -H_{t+1}(k|s') \left[\frac{s'}{|s'|} \right]^{\tau+1} + (-1)^m H_{t-1}(k|s) \left[\frac{s}{|s|} \right]^{-\tau+1} \right\} e^{-(\theta_j+q)i}$$

Here $|Z_j|$, $\varphi_n(Z_j)$ represents the modulus and phase angle of complex numbers, respectively.

$$P_t^H(s) = H_{t-1}(k|s) \left[\frac{s}{|s|} \right]^{\tau-1} e^{\theta_j i} - H_{t+1}(k|s) \left[\frac{s}{|s|} \right]^{\tau+1} e^{-\theta_j i}$$

$$\hat{P}_t^H(s) = \left\{ H_{t-1}(k|s') \left[\frac{s'}{|s'|} \right]^{\tau-1} - (-1)^m H_{t+1}(k|s) \left[\frac{s}{|s|} \right]^{-\tau-1} \right\} e^{(\theta_j+q)i} + \left\{ -H_{t+1}(k|s') \left[\frac{s'}{|s'|} \right]^{\tau+1} + (-1)^m H_{t-1}(k|s) \left[\frac{s}{|s|} \right]^{-\tau+1} \right\} e^{-(\theta_j+q)i}$$

$$Q_t^H(s) = H_{t-1}(k|s) \left[\frac{s}{|s|} \right]^{\tau-1} e^{\theta_j i} + H_{t+1}(k|s) \left[\frac{s}{|s|} \right]^{\tau+1} e^{-\theta_j i}$$

Here $s' = s - H_j$, $s = s + H_j$, H_j is the depth of the corresponding circle center from the surface, and takes a negative value if it is above the horizontal plane. H stands for the Bessel function $J()$, Hankel function of first kind $H_1()$ or Hankel function of second kind $H_2()$.