



# Starting with Z-cracks

Do you want to learn how to analyze fatigue cracks? Would you like to accurately predict crack paths and propagation kinetics? Discover how to use Z-cracks, the module for 3D fracture mechanics simulation.

This one-day training course is intended to engineers and researchers who already have relevant experience in fracture mechanics. The goal of this training is to demonstrate

the capabilities of the Z-cracks module to perform static crack analysis and crack propagation simulations.

### **LEVEL**



Beginner

### **PREREQUISITES**



Good basic knowledge of fracture mechanics.

#### **GOALS**

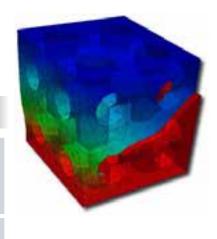
- · Understanding of Z-cracks' principles and simulation workflow
- · Setup of static crack and crack propagation simulations
- Launching computations
- · Results visualization, interpretation and analysis
- Introduction to advanced user capabilities

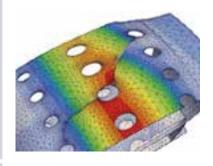
TRAINING	DURATION	PRICE TAXES NOT INCL.	PARTICIPANTS
In-company	1 day	1400€ per training	1 to 3 people

Contact us to set the course date and location.

## **DAY 1 >** 8.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. & 1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

<ul> <li>Quick review of software installation (Linux, Windows), environment variables, connection to external FE solvers</li> <li>Presentation of Z-set distribution (documentation, tests base)</li> <li>Running scripts</li> <li>Presentation of Z-cracks' GUI and main principles</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Getting started: importing models</li> <li>Crack definition and insertion, remeshing principles and strategies</li> <li>Stress intensity factors: setup of SIF analysis</li> <li>Propagation analysis: setup and propagation laws</li> <li>Z-cracks' scripts presentation</li> <li>Application to tutorial cases</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Computation</li> <li>Launching simulations, multicore execution</li> <li>Computation restart procedure</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Results files</li> <li>Results visualization, curves visualization</li> <li>Results merging and animations</li> </ul>
- Advanced options - Non-linear material models - Contact between cracks lips - User propagation laws - Complex loading histories - Scripts for automated simulations
Conclusions - Questions and course assessment





Numerical simulation of a cracked combustion chamber under thermomechanical fatigue loading

