



# Z-mat Connection to External Finite Element Solvers

**Z-mat includes several pieces of software which constitute an efficient set of tools for advanced material-oriented FE analysis. In this course, you will learn advanced Z-mat's material models used within major Finite Elements solvers.**

This one-day training session provides basic knowledge about the use of Z-mat and major external FE solvers like Abaqus, Ansys and Samcef, and a large base of constitutive plasticity and viscoplasticity models.

Participants will discover the technical aspects, available tools and options of the Z-mat's interface.

In addition, the results interfaces that enable the use of Z-master and Z-post modules for visualization and data post-processing will be presented.

## LEVEL

**Beginner**

## PREREQUISITES

**A good basic knowledge of User Material Modeling is required.**

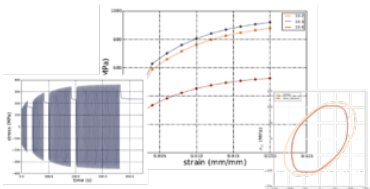
## GOALS

- **Understanding of User Material subroutine principles**
- **Setup of simulations with linear and non-linear material models**
- **Launching computations**
- **Visualization, interpretation and analysis of results**

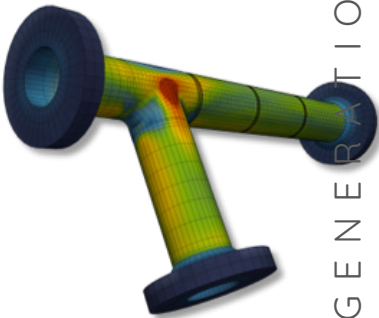
TRAINING	DURATION	PRICE EXCL. TAX	PARTICIPANTS
In-company	1 day	€1400 per training	1 to 3 people

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

Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of Transvalor</li><li>• Course goals</li></ul>
Simulation workflow & setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quick review of software installation (Linux, Windows), environment variables, connection to external FE solvers</li><li>• Presentation of Z-set's distribution (documentation, tests base)</li><li>• Getting started: native material model vs user material model</li><li>• Examples of basic Z-mat's material models</li><li>• Z-sim: material model driver</li><li>• Internal variables, storage, Zpreload utility, 2D/3D cases</li><li>• Setup with Z-mat or external FE solvers</li><li>• Analysis of tutorials</li></ul>
Computation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simulation launching scripts</li><li>• Multicore execution</li></ul>
Results analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Results files</li><li>• Understanding of stored fields</li><li>• Results visualization with native viewers and Z-master</li></ul>
Advanced capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advanced controls and options (integrators, modifiers, debug)</li><li>• Multi-material models</li><li>• Structural elements, plane-stress analysis</li><li>• Cluster submission</li><li>• Connection to Z-post (simple post-processing example)</li></ul>
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Questions and course assessment</li></ul>



Constitutive laws



Tube connections under thermomechanical fatigue (collaboration with EDF)