

# Research project offer



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**Department** : DMSM

**Research group** : ICA "Joining" transversal axis [MS2M and SUMO]

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## OFFER DESCRIPTION

**Title**: Finite Element Simulation of drilling burr formation in metallic materials

**Proposed duration and period**: 6/7 months ASAP

### Context

The increasing demand for high-quality structures at lower costs, particularly in aeronautics, emphasizes the need to enhance current manufacturing technologies. In this context, **drilling** is a crucial manufacturing process.

Having a comprehensive understanding of the influence of drilling conditions on hole quality and structural strength (static and fatigue) is essential to enable safe optimization of manufacturing processes. Today, one of the main hole quality problems in drilling is the generation of **burrs**, which are costly to remove and reduce structural strength if not carefully eliminated.

Previous studies on the influence of drilling conditions on burr formation are mostly experimental. Moreover, the conclusions of these studies are in many cases contradictory, which is due to the lack of a thorough understanding of the drilling burr formation process. The development of numerical approaches, by **finite element simulation**, to better understand this process and to develop predictive capabilities is therefore of great industrial interest.

This topic comes as support of a PhD Thesis (**Airbus**) on the study of the impact of burrs on the fatigue strength of metallic assemblies of aircraft structures.

### Objectives and work

- Comparative study of different material constitutive laws (thermal and viscoplastic effects), contact laws... for finite element simulation of drilling burr formation
- CAD modelisation of tooling and workpiece
- Finite element simulation of drilling process, focused on burr formation study. Model validation with experimental data
- (Optional) Automatisation of finite element simulation through scripting

**Possibility to continue with a PhD (Yes/No)** : No

## REQUIRED APPLICANT PROFILE AND SKILLS

### Study level

(tick possible choices)

- Undergraduate students (3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year)  
 Master students (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
 PhD students

### Required profile and skills

This offer is suitable to students in last year of MSc, MEng in Solids Mechanics, Structures Mechanics.

The expected specific skills are :

- Fundamentals of strength of materials
- Basics on the FE method

### Other useful information

Feel free to take contact