

# Modeling, Discretization, Optimization, and Simulation of Phase-Field Fracture Problems

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8h30 - 16h30 (4 sessions)

# Preface

This class is designed for students and peers who had basic classes in calculus, introduction to numerical methods, continuum mechanics, and finite elements.

The **goal** is to give an introduction to [phase-field fracture modeling](#).

This class is organized into four parts:

- Modeling
- Numerics
- Optimization
- Simulations

[Philosophy of this class](#): Mixture of very basic techniques that are immediately applied to ‘complicated’ practical and/or current research problems.

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# Preliminaries

## Schedule (today, Jul 21, 2024)

- 8:30 - 10:00 Session 1, Exercise 1;
- 10:30 - 12:00 Session 2, Exercise 2;
- 13:00 - 14:30 Session 3, Exercise 3;
- 15:00 - 16:30 Session 4, Discussion.

## Literature and software

Materials presented in this short course are largely based on the lecture notes:

- **Denis Khimin, Leon Kolditz, Viktor Kosin, Katrin Mang, Thomas Wick; Modeling, Discretization, Optimization, and Simulation of Phase-Field Fracture Problems, 2023** <https://doi.org/10.15488/15172>  
and
- **Thomas Wick; Multiphysics Phase-Field Fracture: Modeling, Adaptive Discretizations, and Solvers Radon Series on Computational and Applied Mathematics, Band 28, de Gruyter, October 2020**  
<https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/9783110497397/html>
- and many references cited in both documents.

Software:

- Basic finite element library: deal.II [www.dealii.org](http://www.dealii.org)
- Basic optimization library: DOpElib [www.dopelib.net](http://www.dopelib.net)
- Specific code for phase-field fracture: pfm-crack <https://github.com/tjhei/cracks>
- Specific code for phase-field optimal control (private github; let me know in case you are interested):  
[https://github.com/tommeswick/phase\\_field\\_fracture\\_optimal\\_control](https://github.com/tommeswick/phase_field_fracture_optimal_control)